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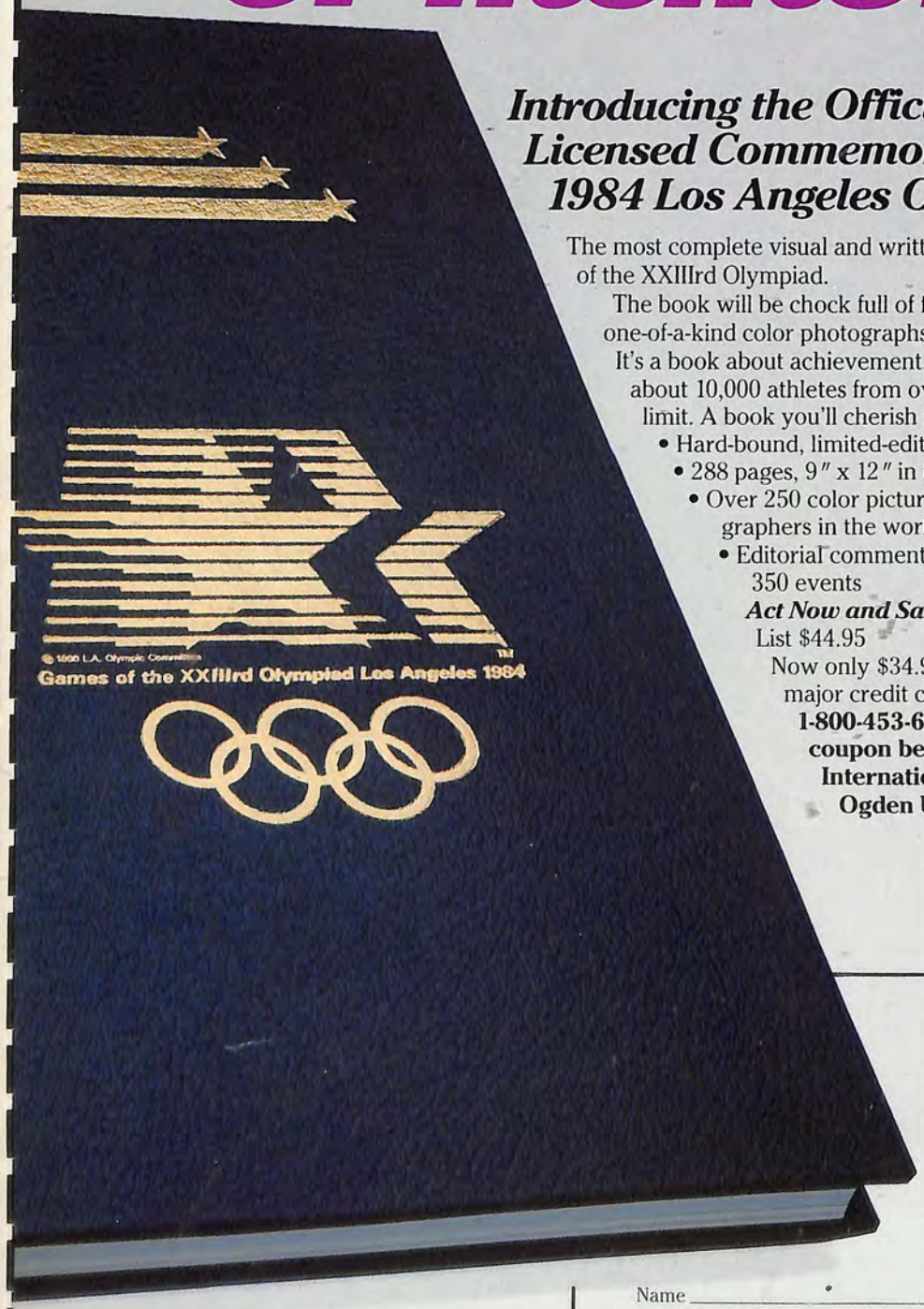

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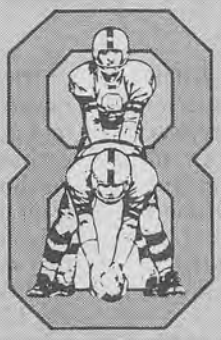

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Hall of Fame

By **FRANK HARAWAY,** *Denver*

SPORTSWRITERS DEARLY LOVE TO LAUNCH THEIR LITERARY EPICS with a catch phrase, a spicy quote, an interesting parallel, a startling contrast, or any number of word tactics to quickly grab the reader's attention. Or, in the case of unveiling selections to an all-star team, or a Hall of Fame, they like to pin-point the quality, or qualities, that led to a particular choice.

Using the latter approach to the three 1984 additions to the Big Eight Conference Hall of Fame, here is why these inductees were chosen:

Lucious Selmon, Oklahoma nose guard, because of his tremendous quickness, strength and nose for the ball.

Cliff Branch, Colorado wide receiver, because of his blazing speed that ranks with the greatest of any football player ever.

Matt Blair, Iowa State defensive back/linebacker, because of the "perfect" linebacker's build, size, range, speed and ruggedness, plus the ability to hit with uncommon ferocity.

But these are only physical qualities that don't begin to tell the story of these three remarkable men who most certainly belong with the previously selected 58 Big Eight all-time best.

It has been 12 years for Branch, 10 years for Selmon, and 10 years for Blair since collegiate football became only a proud memory. But as additional attest to their greatness in their chosen field, all three are still making enormous contributions to the sport of football and further enhancing their fame.

Branch is entering his 13th season as the star receiver for the Raiders, now based in Los Angeles. Blair is coming up on season number 11 for the Minnesota Vikings, and Selmon, after a brief fling in the World Football League, is starting his ninth season as a defensive line coach under his old college mentor, Barry Switzer.

Branch, born August 1, 1948, in Houston, Texas, is the dean of this year's group of selectees. After 12 years of absorbing countless unguarded knocks on his 5-11, 165-pound body, youwould think he would be thinking about getting out of it. He already has three Super Bowl rings, recognition as one of the best pro receivers ever, and a still sleek body that hardly shows the rigors of his violent profession.

"That's just it," Branch says. "I've never really been hurt, never had any knee operations like most football players. I feel as good as I ever did and I still have all of my original enthusiasm for the game. So I've set three more goals: The Pittsburgh Steelers won four Super Bowls during my time. I want to go out with at least four and hopefully five. I want to play at least 15 years, which means at least three more and that would put me up there with guys like Fred Biletnikoff, Paul Warfield, Otis Taylor and Bob Hayes. And maybe, one day I'll be elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame."

Lofty goals, these, for a 35-year-old little guy who as a youngster aspired to be a baseball player.

"That's right," said Branch. "As a kid I dreamed of being a professional athlete and my number one dream was to be a baseball player. But I never could play baseball in high school (at Worthing High School in Houston) because baseball and track went on at the same time and my track coach would never let me combine the two."

That was understandable since Branch was state champion in the 100 and 220 and was the first Texas prep sprinter to run the 100 in 9.3 seconds. He also ran the 440 and relays and was a star wide receiver on the football team.

"I signed a letter of intent at the University of Houston out of high school but I ended up going to Wharton County Junior College 59-miles southeast of Houston." While there he developed into a world-class sprinter in addition to a star football player.

It was while Branch was at Wharton that Colorado Coach Eddie Crowder was heard to remark in a moment of frustration: "I'm sick and tired of trying week after week to figure out how to offset the speed of this or that guy. We're gonna get some guys like that on our football team and you daggone better well believe it."

It was with that thought in mind that CU assistant Steve Ortmayer, who by the way now is a valued assistant on the L.A. Raiders staff, went to Texas to recruit Branch and brought home the bacon.

The career that was to become so special at CU got off to a bad start when he was delayed a year by an unusual

Lucious Selmon
OKLAHOMA

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IOWA STATE

Cliff Branch
COLORADO

ineligibility technicality the day before the 1970 season opener with Tulsa. But he more than made up for it in the 1970 and 1971 seasons, when he played. Perhaps no one could describe Branch's impact at CU better than Fred Casotti, CU's present associate athletic director and former sports information director. In his book "Football C. U. Style," Casotti wrote in picking his all-time CU team: "My split end is the most exciting receiver I've ever watched, Clifford Branch, the smallish 9.2 flyer of 1970-71. Clifford was that rare speedster with balance. Most sprinters run with so much forward lean that they crash and burn at the slightest impact. And they don't have the balance to work their way through a broken field. But Cliff Branch could turn it on and off and change direction as well as the best. He made some of the most exciting runs I've ever seen.

"Literally, breathtaking. I've never seen a player who could bring the entire Colorado cheering section to its feet by just fielding a punt. Cliff got, I think, a bad rap about having bad hands because he did drop several kicks and passes during his two years at CU. But he also made a lot of tough catches in the heavy traffic of pursuing pass defenders or in the face of the charge of punt coverages. I've seen him make diving catches and hang onto the football. Catch the hook simultaneously with the arrival of a defensive halfback into the small of his back. And, sometimes foolhardily, catching a punt with signaling a fair catch and immediately getting bent over backwards without coughing up the ball.

"Clifford may have had quick eyes which sometimes left the flight of the ball before it arrived. But I never felt that he had bad hands. And how he could fly!

"Clifford's presence on my offensive platoon as a wide receiver brings five different ways to produce the bomb: by taking a short pass and using his great speed to go all the way, by beating the secondary deep, by coming back on the end-around, by returning a punt or by returning a kickoff. This little guy could kill you more ways than an armed posse. And he never left any traces, except an occasionally burned spot on the turf where his wheels spun when he turned on full throttle."

Branch was unfortunate in that he played at the same time Johnny Rodgers was rewriting record books at Nebraska. But *Football News* found room for both Rodgers and Branch on its All-America team in that unforgettable 1971 season when Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado finished 1-2-3 in the final *Associated Press* poll.

Rodgers went into the record book as the new all-time all-purpose runner producer. He, of course, played three seasons, to Branch's two and Nebraska did much more passing than Colorado. Much was made, and rightly so, of Rodgers' career mark of advancing the ball an average of 13.9 yards every time he touched the ball. Branch's average was 17.78!

If Branch had any regrets over his CU career it would be this: "We were definitely a run-oriented team and I really didn't learn receiver's skills until I became a professional. In my senior season, I ended up catching only 13 balls (in his first year it was 23). But we had a great team that last year and it was a thrill for me to finish out my college career at home (Houston, where CU beat Houston 29-17 in the Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl). My CU days were very happy ones."

Among Branch's most cherished memories at CU: A 97-yard, second-half kickoff return in CU's 41-13 win that broke Penn State's 31-game unbeaten streak; a 75-yard touchdown punt runback in the 1971 season-opening win (31-21) at LSU; two touchdown punt runbacks against Iowa State; a touchdown punt return of 69 yards at Ohio State in a 20-14 CU win.

Branch faced a wrenching decision at the end of his collegiate athletic career. His track career, which had been pushed into the background by his concentration on football, blossomed in the spring of 1972 to where he ran a 9.2 in the 100 in the U. S. Track and Field Federation meet and he later qualified for the Olympic Trials. But he also had been drafted in the fourth round by the Oakland Raiders who were getting antsy over waiting for him to sign a contract.

The Buffalo speedster cast his lot with the Raiders by signing before the Olympics. "That (amateur) track is behind me," he said at the signing. "The Olympics would have been nice if I made the team but I wanted Number One to play

Hall of Fame

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professional football and I felt I was falling behind missing two earlier rookie camps."

The wisdom of his choice is borne out by these statistics for 12 pro seasons: 488 receptions for 8,476 yards, 68 touchdowns, and a record-tying reception of 99 yards. He's rated one of pro football's great receivers over the past two decades and currently ranks third among active NFL receivers.

Along the way he ran a 4.92 40-meter dash to beat the Dallas Cowboys' Bob Hayes, once known as the world's fastest human, who ran 4.99. Branch, divorced, with no children now lives in Santa Barbara, Calif., with his girl friend, Kimberly.

Iowa State's Matt Blair, born September 20, 1950, in Honolulu, Hawaii, to parents who are 5-3 and 5-10, grew up to his present 6-5, 234 as a 10-year-man with the Minnesota Vikings and is so big he can even get away with naming his dog Bud—after Vikings' Coach Bud Grant.

"I have no idea how I got this big," says the affable Blair, who as the son of an Air Force career man grew up in Hawaii, Idaho, Spain, Texas, Alaska, Pennsylvania and Kentucky. He graduated from high school in Dayton, Ohio.

When he was a free safety at Dayton's Colonel White High School, Blair never dreamed he would make it to the National Football League. If somebody had told him he would play in two Super Bowl games with the Minnesota Vikings, Blair would have advised that person to take two aspirins and get a good night's sleep.

Even though he played football (three interceptions in one game), basketball (33 rebounds in one game), track and baseball at Colonel White, he remembers that "I had no scholarship when I went to Northeast Oklahoma Junior College. I was a walkon but did get a full scholarship after one semester. Johnny Majors (then Iowa State's coach) and some of his coaches came down to Miami, Oklahoma, to recruit me during the basketball season. Our team was eliminated from the regional playoffs and I was able to enroll at Iowa State in time for the spring semester."

Then a 220-pounder, Blair was the type of football player that made opposing offensive coordinators wish they had gone into some other type of work. Whether defending against the pass or against the run, Blair was sure to be around to greet the unfortunate ball carrier. In his first year at ISU he was credited with 121 tackles, five pass interceptions, six fumble recoveries and four deflected passes from his defensive rover position.

He was named to five preseason All-America teams prior to the 1972 season but his second and final Cyclone season was delayed by a knee injury in ISU's final tuneup before opening day and he missed the first three games.

"I tried to come back in the Colorado game but the knee just wouldn't hold up (after a block on the tender joint) and I had to head for the surgery table."

Blair, who had 10 tackles and a pass defense despite his limited minutes in that game, came back full bore in 1973 and enjoyed an outstanding senior season.

"By that time Earle Bruce had replaced Johnny Majors as the coach," Blair recalls. "It was a little hard to adjust to Bruce. Majors was a very easy communicator, what you have to be in college coaching. And he did quite a bit of man-to-man coaching. Bruce wasn't a motivator. And he was always right. I enjoyed playing under Majors much more. It was like night and day."

Oddly, Blair didn't make the Big Eight all-conference team in his senior year but rated high on the All-America selections, making the Kodak first team. He was drafted by Minnesota in the second round, the 50th pick overall.

"Looking back, I think the knee injury in my junior year at Iowa State was largely responsible for my being drafted by the Vikings. The word was that I had a bad knee. If I had been healthy I would have gone earlier (in the first round) in the draft to a weak team instead of the Vikings. Things worked out for the best."

Old-timers at Iowa State still like to talk about two of the hits Blair made during his college days. One of them came in 1971 against Jack Mildren of Oklahoma, the other in his senior year against Dickie Morton of Arkansas. Let Blair take over as he relishes recalling the ferociously happy moments:

"In that Oklahoma game I had something like 19 tackles and 11 assists and didn't get to finish the game. I had a neck injury when I went to tackle Jack Mildren. We collided. They had to take him out on a stretcher. I went back to the huddle and was watching them take Mildren out on the stretcher when I passed out. I had a neck injury and a mild concussion and missed one game.

"In that Arkansas game Dickie Morton was coming around the end and I was playing at strong safety. I timed it just right and we collided. They took him off the field but I survived this time."

Football is not the whole story on Blair—not by a long shot. Early in his pro career he became highly proficient as a photographer. During the 1976 season, for example, he carried his cameras with him, taking candid photos of the Vikings in practice and at games.

"I put together a slide show and showed it to the team. I put 600 slides together for a presentation. I called it 'The Third Season.'"

Some of his photographic works are exhibited in souvenir programs around the NFL. "I sent in 59 pictures and they used 19 and a story," he said.

Following are the members of the panel which selected the first 57 players for the Big Eight Hall of Fame:

BOB BROEG, *Sports Editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch— Has been following Missouri football for more than 45 years and has covered the Tigers and the Conference since the mid-1930's.*

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BUCK TURNBULL, *Des Moines Register— Buck is the only writer who has made all 22 Big Eight Skywriters' trips. He is a veteran observer of the conference.*

BOB HENTZEN, *Sports Editor, Topeka Capital— Started viewing conference football in the 1940's. Joined the Oklahoma City Times in 1954 and moved to Topeka in 1958.*

JOE McGUFF, *Sports Editor, Kansas City Star— Joined Tulsa World in 1944; moved to the Star in 1948. Long-time observer of conference football, covered his first conference game in the 1950's.*

BILL BECK, *Authored many of the Big Eight's Hall of Fame since 1972 until his death in 1984. He was held in high esteem by his fellow journalists as one of the best sports columnists in the nation.*

When he's not engaged in free-lance photography, Blair is running the trucking company he bought in 1977 in Miami, Oklahoma, and moved it to his present home in Prior Lake, Minnesota near Minneapolis. Or he's working on his free football clinic for youngsters that he started five years ago. Or working on his 10-acre farm near Prior Lake.

"I'm kind of a farmer," he said. "I just love this country life." Sometimes he finds time to raise dogs (he has five) and enjoy such hobbies as golf, basketball, racquetball, chess and antique cars. Life is always full for Blair.

Blair still loves his football, too, and has no plans to retire. "I'll play this year, then decide on the future. I'll take it one year at a time. You never know in the football business. All it takes is one play to change your mind and end your career. Meanwhile I'll continue to work at my trucking business (he has 15 trucks now). I'm no expert in the trucking business. But you can be sure I'll work at it." The company operates under the name Matt Blair Express Co.

Blair, at 34, is still a bachelor. He is especially proud of the honor of having been named by the Jaycees as one of the 10 Outstanding Young Men in America in 1982.

Somehow it seems the Selmons ought to be taken into the Hall of Fame as a family. Because Lucious' brothers, Dewey and LeRoy followed him to Oklahoma and achieved lasting Sooner gridiron fame just like older brother, Lucious.

But it's highly fitting that Lucious gets the honor of being the first Selmon to enter the Big Eight Hall of Fame.

From the moment Lucious set foot on the University of Oklahoma campus, until brothers Dewey and LeRoy simultaneously wound up their Sooner careers, the name Selmon was synonymous with Oklahoma defense—and high character. They were virtually worshipped by teammates and Sooner supporters. And it's not hard to understand when you consider their upbringing. Lucious Selmon grew up on the Eufala, Oklahoma farm of his parents Lucious, Sr. and Jessie Selmon, along with three older brothers, three older sisters and younger brothers Dewey and LeRoy.

"We are very close," Lucious said. "You know, you really can't express how close we really are in the family. I think we'll always be close."

When Lucious was in the eighth grade, Booker T. Washington, an all-black school in Eufala, was integrated with the all-white school there. Lucious was asked to try out for football, but he recalls his parents thought the game would be "too rough." But Lucious was allowed to make the decision and he decided on football and the rest is history.

Selmon remembers those days on the farm as being hard, but he also has fond memories of his family life. And he believes he has benefitted from each.

"Being out there, you know you're working for yourself and you know you've got a man like Daddy behind you tellin' you to do it. You do it and don't think nothing about it. Like my dad always said, 'Bein' brought up on a farm is one of the better ways to prepare you for life ahead.' I've found that to be true.

"I was a lot more tired coming out of those fields than I ever was coming off the football field, even after a game. It did get you used to hard work."

And it probably made a better football player out of Lucious. He built his squat 5-11 frame to 236 pounds then to 249, with arms and shoulders so massive even a blacksmith would not remove his coat in Lucious' presence. Selmon bench pressed 585 pounds as a freshman. They say that is the most anyone at OU has ever lifted. His strength

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CLOSEST RACE SINCE '76 FAVORS NEBRASKA

By **BILL CONNORS**, *Tulsa World*

REMEMBER 1961? Jimmy Johnson was a freshman at Arkansas, Warren Powers a junior at Nebraska, Tom Osborne a flanker with the San Francisco 49ers and Barry Switzer a "B" team assistant coach at Arkansas.

It was the first year of the Kennedy presidency. Roger Maris hit 61 home runs. Liz Taylor met Richard Burton. Green Bay won its first NFL championship of the Lombardi era. It was not a year to cherish in the U.S. foreign relations. Castro was victorious in the Bay of Pigs and Russia built the Berlin Wall.

But it was a year to remember in Big Eight Conference football. Neither Nebraska nor Oklahoma won the championship. Colorado did. That was the last time Oklahoma or Nebraska did not win outright or share the championship. Kansas won a share in 1968; Missouri won a share in 1969, and Colorado and Oklahoma State shared in a three-way tie in 1976. But every title has been wrapped completely or partly in red and white since 1961.

How long ago was that? The oldest of the fifth-year seniors at Nebraska and Oklahoma had not celebrated their first birthdays. Their generation and their parents' generation may have concluded from two decades of watching the two super powers—often the best in the nation as well as the Big Eight—they would not see in their lifetime a year when one of the other six members sat alone on the throne.

Oklahoma gave them hope in 1981 by slipping into an overdue recession. But simultaneously Nebraska unveiled a once-in-a-generation backfield that put the Cornhuskers out of sight and made them perhaps the best team to never win a national championship. They lost the last two national championships in epic showdowns with the champion by a total of four points.

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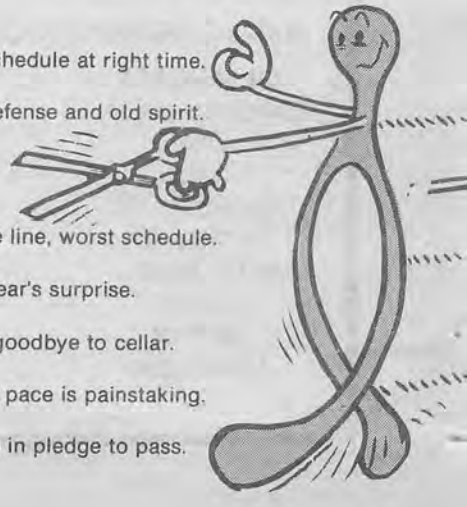
KANSAS —
Starting over but no change in pledge to pass.



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Ferious JEFF SMITH (28) will have his opportunity to keep Nebraska in the National spotlight as well as retaining the Conference title.

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Nebraska won the last three championships without losing or being tied in conference play, a feat not achieved since the Wilkinson dynasty at Oklahoma flamed out in 1958 after six straight unsullied years and 12 without defeat and two ties.

Nineteen eighty-four may not be the year for the torch to be passed. In fact, Nebraska is favored to win a fourth straight championship and automatic ticket to its winter holiday home, the Orange Bowl.

But there has not been a time since 1961 when conditions were so ripe for a change at the top. Nebraska is regrouping and must replace five offensive stars who harvested every prestigious award, dominated the first round of the professional drafts and signed contracts worth a reported $12 million. Oklahoma is trying to make a comeback with an offensive scheme that has never been mastered — a Wishbone with passing — and rebuilt defense dependent on redshirt freshmen.

And, Oklahoma State and Missouri are bristling with talent, enthusiasm and confidence. For sure, they are more than hopeful. They are poised and qualified to charge up the mountain in what appears to be the most competitive championship race since 1976 when six teams went into the next-to-last week of play with a chance to go to Miami.

The second division does not appear to have such strength this time. But, oh, that first division! Are the Cowboys and the Tigers capable of ending the championship monopoly that has seen Oklahoma and Nebraska win or share 36 of the last 38 championships?

Interestingly, Missouri and Oklahoma State have already been linked to the interruption of another conference dynasty this year. The Tigers dethroned OSU in golf, ending a string of 15 straight championships and 25 in 26 years by the Cowboys. Can the Tigers or Cowboys pull the same plug on Nebraska and Oklahoma in football?

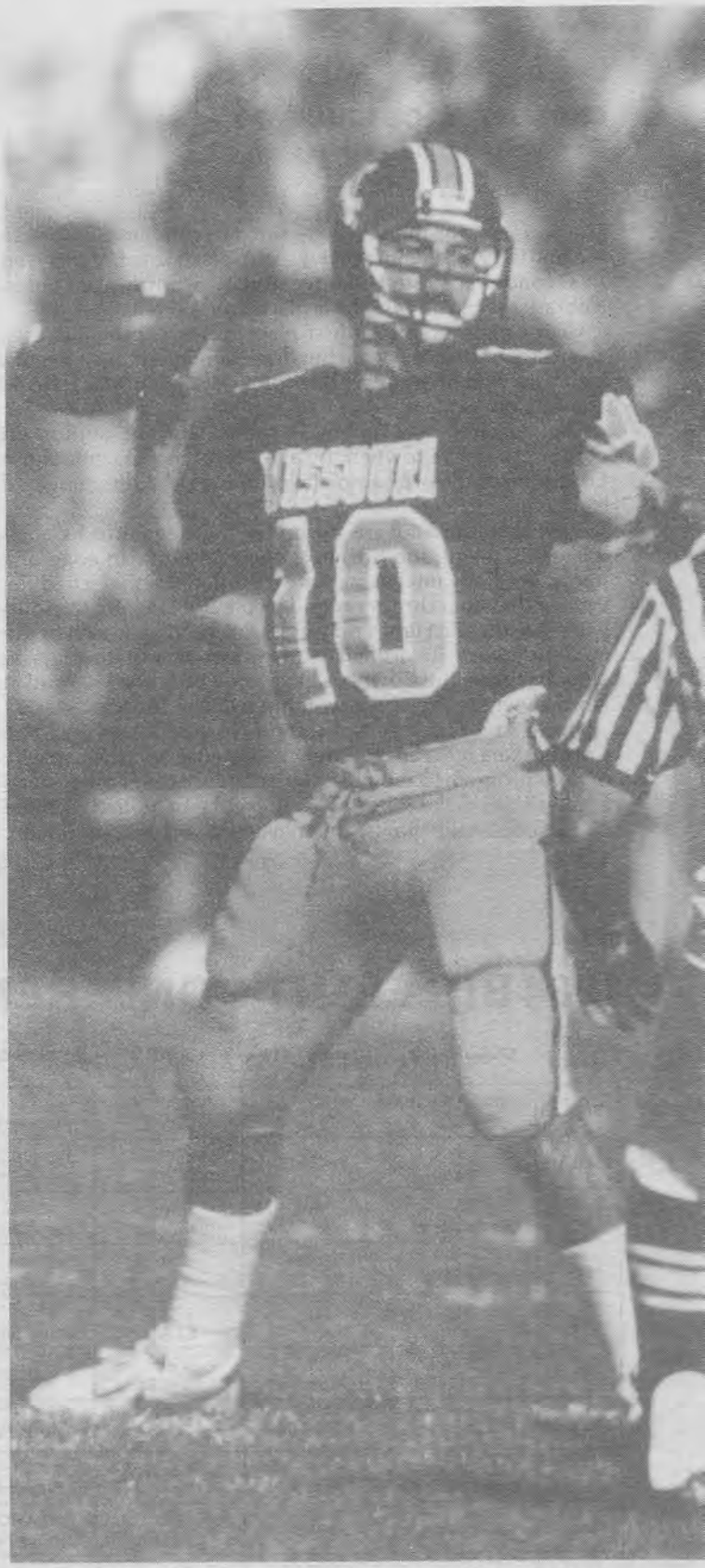
Yes, according to every head coach in the Big Eight. Nebraska's Osborne and Jim Criner of Iowa State went one step beyond their colleagues and selected Oklahoma State as the pre-season favorite.

Osborne and Criner are in a minority. Every other coach except Missouri's Powers, responding to a poll conducted by *Big Eight Magazine,* thought Nebraska deserved to be favored. Powers, noting so much uncertainty about Nebraska and Oklahoma, declined to pick a favorite.

Jim Dickey of Kansas State expressed the majority view.

"I am curious to see if Nebraska will come back to earth this year," Dickey said. "Oklahoma started losing a few games and if it's going to happen to Nebraska it might happen this year. They can't replace some of the players they lost. But I have thought before they wouldn't be as good as they had been and they always were. I can't go against them. They have to be favored but I don't see them running off from everybody this year."

The scrambled eggs look of the top four teams was underscored by Colorado's Bill McCartney, who speculated the difference between first and fourth place would be no more than a couple of fumbles and a field goal. The coaches' poll indicated tradition is difficult to ignore. Oklahoma State, despite its two first-place votes, was third behind Oklahoma.



MARLON ADLER (10) one of the nation's most efficient passing Quarterbacks is leading Missouri to be a contender for the Big Eight crown.

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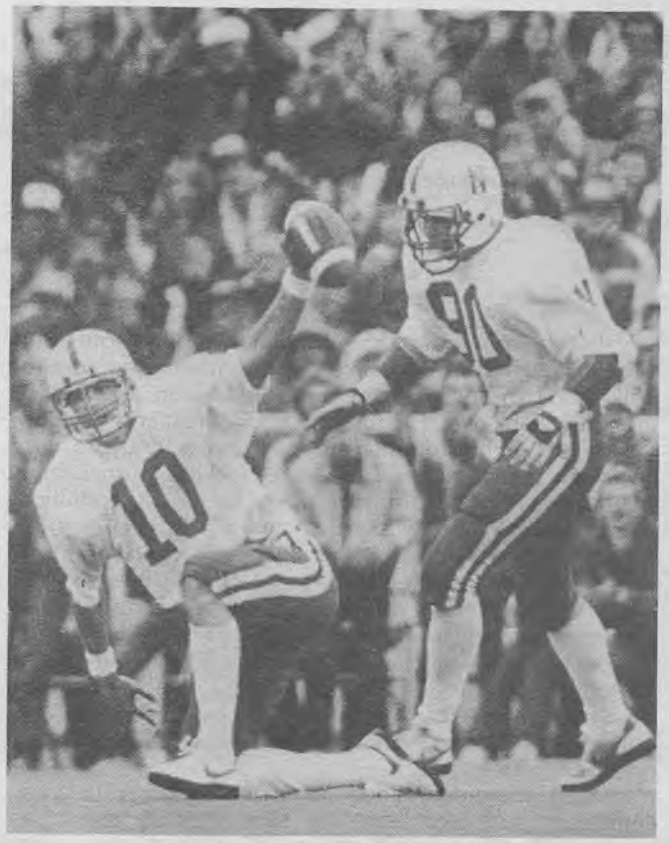
The Sooners, for the first time since this publication began the poll in 1972, did not receive a first-place vote but received six second-place votes. OSU received two fourth-place votes. Nebraska received one third-place vote.

Giving eight points for first-place, seven for second, etc., and discounting the coaches' rating of their own teams, Nebraska had 58 points, Oklahoma 53, Oklahoma State 52 and Missouri 45.

The coaches' assessment is shared by the author (in contrast to last year when, by a 6-2 vote, the coaches chose Oklahoma as the pre-season favorite and the author selected Nebraska).

Even if Nebraska were no better than equal to its challengers in talent, the Cornhuskers would rate an edge of a home field advantage they are afforded by the schedule. Each of the other three contenders plays at Lincoln. Missouri will leave the Big Eight's only grass field and play each of the contenders on its artificial turf. Oklahoma State plays at Lincoln where the Cowboys have not won since 1960 and at Norman where they have won but twice in four decades.

There are other reasons for favoring Nebraska. The Cornhuskers have an experienced defense and the capacity of their program to rebuild is unmatched. Armies of redshirts and walkons make it possible for Nebraska to live with the 30-95 scholarship limits and never fall off the mountain.



Celebrating after an interception are SCOTT STRASBURGER (90) and BRET CLARK (10) who are integral cogs in NU's defensive machinery.

1984 BIG EIGHT CONFERENCE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE*

GAME DAYS	COLORADO	IOWA STATE	KANSAS	KANSAS STATE	MISSOURI	NEBRASKA	OKLAHOMA	OKLA. STATE
Sep. 8	MICHIGAN STATE	at Iowa	WICHITA STATE	at Vanderbilt	at Illinois	WYOMING	STANFORD	at Arizona State
Sep. 15	at Oregon	DRAKE	FLORIDA STATE	TENNESSEE TECH	WISCONSIN	MINNESOTA	at Pittsburgh	BOWLING GREEN STATE
Sep. 22	at Notre Dame	at Texas A&M	at Vanderbilt	at Texas Christian	MISSISSIPPI STATE	at UCLA	BAYLOR	SAN DIEGO STATE
Sep. 29	UCLA	WEST TEXAS STATE	at North Carolina	at Oklahoma	NOTRE DAME	at Syracuse	KANSAS STATE	at Tulsa
Oct. 6	at Missouri	at Kansas	IOWA STATE	at South Carolina	COLORADO	OKLAHOMA STATE		at Nebraska
Oct. 13	IOWA STATE	at Colorado	at Kansas State	KANSAS	at Nebraska	MISSOURI	Texas at Dallas	
Oct. 20	NEBRASKA	OKLAHOMA	at Oklahoma State	MISSOURI	at Kansas State	at Colorado	at Iowa State	KANSAS
Oct. 27	at Oklahoma State	at Missouri	OKLAHOMA	at Nebraska	IOWA STATE	KANSAS STATE	at Kansas	COLORADO
Nov. 3	KANSAS	NEBRASKA	at Colorado	OKLAHOMA STATE	at Oklahoma	at Iowa State	MISSOURI	at Kansas State
Nov. 10	OKLAHOMA	KANSAS STATE	NEBRASKA	at Iowa State	at Oklahoma State	at Kansas	at Colorado	MISSOURI
Nov. 17	at Kansas State	at Oklahoma State	at Missouri	COLORADO	KANSAS	OKLAHOMA	at Nebraska	IOWA STATE
Nov. 24							OKLAHOMA STATE	at Oklahoma

*CAPS indicate home games.

Regardless of the names on the program, the Cornhuskers are like Burt Reynolds' movies: there is a sameness about them that makes you think you have seen them before.

"I sometimes wonder if they clone those guys," Dickey said. "Their new players always seem to look like the players who just left."

This is especially true of offensive linemen. The refrigerators never stop rolling off the assembly line. Even when three of the finest backs and one of the best offensive linemen to ever grace the Big Eight landscape have departed —Mike Rozier, Turner Gill, Irving Fryar and Dean Steinkuhler, the new refrigerators had Osborne talking like a coach who did not expect to fall off the mountain.

"I think we will be in the ballpark with everybody and be a top 20 team," Osborne said. That is precisely what his three rivals think of their teams. Said Jones: "Nebraska still is the team to beat but I think we can play with them."

Switzer said: "Nebraska has to be the favorite but I think we will be in the hunt with everyone else." Powers said: "We should be contenders. I think we are closer to being a championship team than we've ever been."

Osborne was "somewhat more optimistic after spring practice than I anticipated," because the offensive line looks representative; the defense, blushing over last year when it was faulted for allowing Miami to wrest the national championship, should be improved, and all the new backs except the quarterback appear solid.

I-back Jeff Smith, long considered to have blue-ribbon ability and showed it by sparking the fourth quarter rally in the Orange Bowl after Heisman Trophy winner Rozier was injured, and fine understudies assure quality at their positions. Center Mark Traynowicz is the early nominee to succeed Steinkuhler as Nebraska's fourth straight and sixth Outland Trophy winner in 14 seasons, and if he falters, guard Harry Grimminger and tackle Mark Behning will be there to sustain the chase. Fullback Tom Rathman might be better than predecessor Mark Schellen, crowded out of the spotlight but not the financial windfall that fell after the USFL draft.

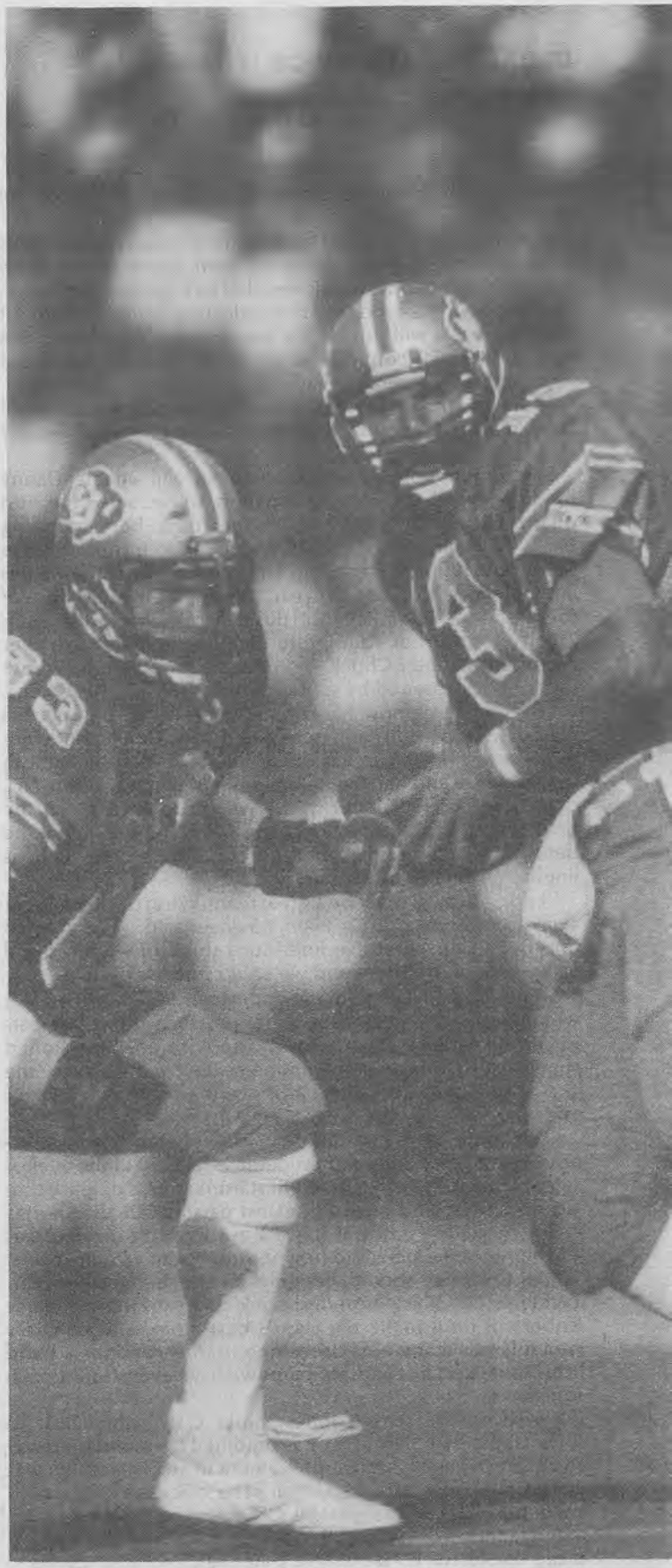
Osborne thinks the defense will improve, despite a knee injury that will keep All-Big Eight linebacker Mike Knox sidelined until 1985, because of the same thing that was a problem last year: line depth. Faster linebackers, sophomore tackle Chris Spachman and the conference's most experienced secondary, featuring safety Bret Clark, also encourage Osborne.

"Our biggest concern is the inexperience of our quarterback (Craig Sundberg)," Osborne said. "Our replacements at the other spots may not be great players but they are good players and have played. We won't have the same big-play capability. We will be more of a ball control team.

"If our defense improves 25 to 30 percent and our offense comes along like we expect, I think we can be a good team."

Ironically, Nebraska's leveling off on offense might benefit the defense. The 1983 Cornhuskers scored so fast and so often, the defense spent abnormal time on the field.

There is a suspicion that Oklahoma's potential is being as underestimated this year as it was overestimated last year. The Sooners are loaded with questions. But they are the only team in the conference that can put an experienced blue-chipper at every skill position. These backs and receivers



One of the nation's finest guards, JUNIOR ILI (63) is in position with the Buffaloes' returning Quarterback STEVE VOGEL (13).

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have a great chance to blossom in a new version of the Wishbone.

Concluding Oklahoma had become incompatible with its short-term marriage to the I-formation, because of Marcus Dupree's defection, Switzer decided to return to the formation the Sooners rode on an intoxicating flight throughout the '70s. But it will not be the run-run-run Wishbone. The new model will continue to give priority to running but incorporate 20th century passing.

It will be unlike "any Wishbone anyone has ever run and I think it will be the best thing we have ever done," Switzer said.

Switzer predicted the option series will enable Danny Bradley, muzzled by the I-formation, to become "the best quarterback in the Big Eight." No team has better running backs than halfbacks Spencer Tillman, Earl Johnson and Steve Sewell and fullback Fred Sims. The line, plagued by penalties and defective blocking last year, should improve because of the Wishbone's simplicity and the arrival of what Switzer calls "the best group of young offensive linemen we have ever recruited." Center Chuck Thomas is the only veteran whose job is not threatened by sophomores or redshirt freshmen.

Oklahoma's defense has two of the Big Eight's best players in end Kevin Murphy and nose guard Tony Casillas but eight new starters. Even though the Sooners led the Big Eight in total defense and had five selections in the first 32 of the NFL draft, they looked better in the weight room than on the field. Except for the tackles, the '84 defense "might be better," Switzer thinks, because of newcomers such as linebacker Brian Bosworth.

"I don't think we will be a great team. We are at least a year away from being a great team," Switzer said. "We need to improve in the offensive line. But I think this offense will cause a lot of problems and we could surprise people."

Something to keep in mind: Switzer, still the nation's winningest active coach but under pressure after 12 defeats in three years, lit an off-season fire with an impassioned speech to the players. The Sooners subsequently had "the best spring practice we've had since the mid-'70s," Switzer said.

Oklahoma State's credentials as a championship contender rest principally with its defense, at least in the eyes of rivals. The Cowboys return eight starters from a defense that lacked muscle and was soft against passing but used extraordinary quickness (the 11 starters' average time in the 40 was 4.6) and creative blitzes to flog opponents into 53 turnovers.

The Cowboys should be quicker and better this year. Tackle Leslie O'Neal is on the brink of greatness. End Harry Roberts is one of the Big Eight's best athletes; free safety Adam Hinds is the No. 1 returnee in interceptions (7) and "this is the best linebacking corps we have ever had," Coach Jones said.

However, the reason Jones thinks OSU, which lost to Nebraska and OU last year by a combined five points, is ready to close the gap is sharp improvement in an offense that was purposely conservative last year. The offensive line would seem to still be what separates OSU from Nebraska.

But tailbacks Shawn Jones, All-Big Eight, Charles Crawford, a big rocket with fascinating potential, and Ken Zachary, apparently the fastest player in the league, possess more potential than OSU has ever had at their position. Coach Jones thinks Malcolm Lewis, Jamie Harris and Bobby Riley comprise "the best" receiving corps in the Big Eight. And Rusty Hilger, a nondescript quarterback before taking a self-improvement course that allowed him to "cope with the negatives in my life and concentrate on positive things," is coming off an MVP performance in the Bluebonnet Bowl and similar play in spring practice.

Besides Hilger, a key for OSU is its lack of championship tradition. The Cowboys, whose best showing in 24 years of Big Eight membership was tying Colorado and OU for the 1976 title, have a record of disappointment when picked high. They did not seem to know how to react to the spotlight last year. Leading OU by 20-3 in the fourth quarter and dreaming of a 10-1 season, the Cowboys blew the game and then were upset at home by Kansas State.

Nevertheless, with the Big Eight's most experienced overall

team, the Cowboys prompted Osborne to say, "I think Oklahoma State deserves to be favored as much as anybody. I lean to them." Criner said, "Oklahoma State has such terrific athletes on defense that I think they should be favored."

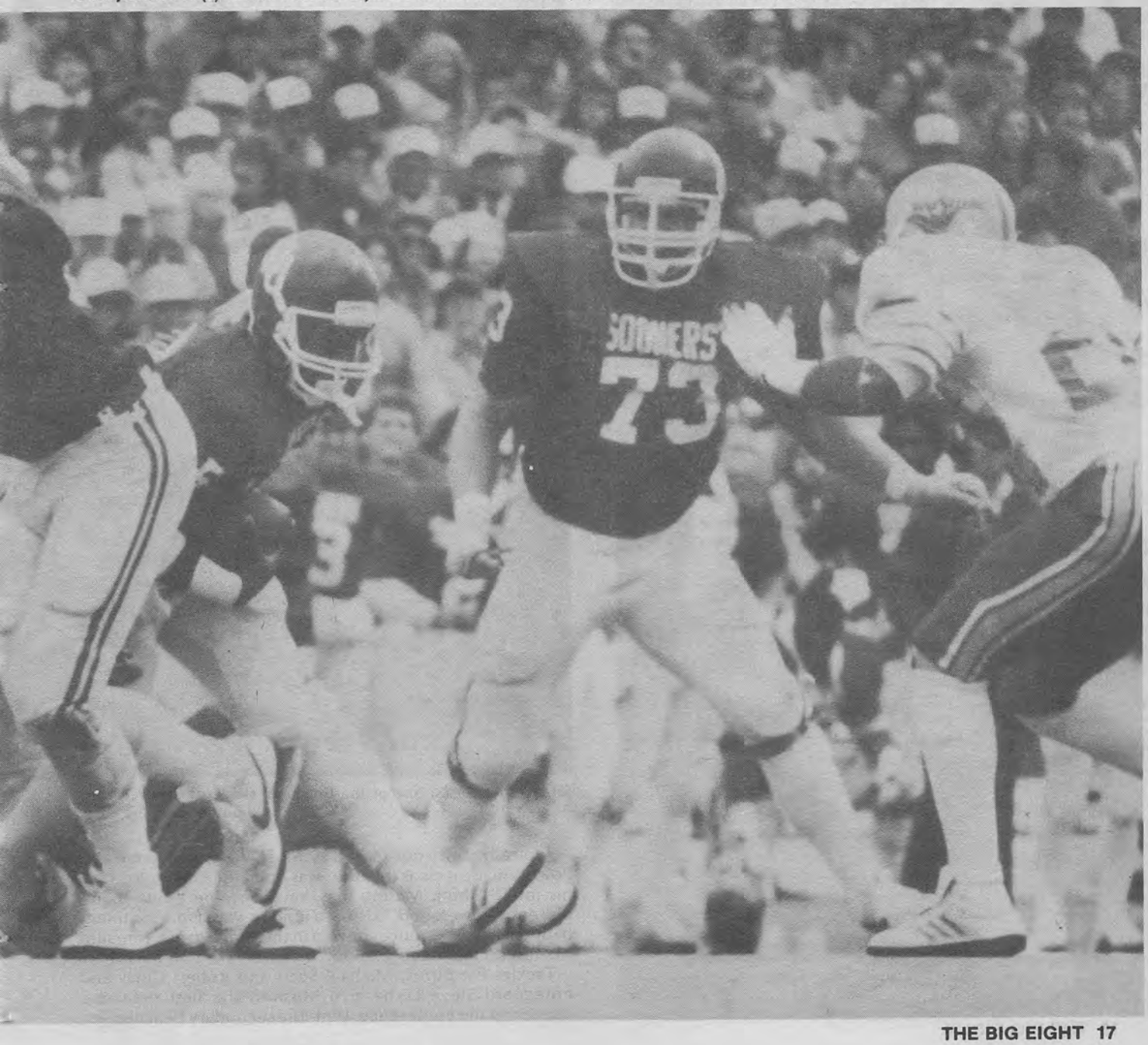
Johnson, after building a program that was ravaged by recruiting scandals and probations when he arrived in 1979, said, "for the first time since we have been here our offense moved the ball on our No. 1 defense in spring practice. I think that means we are going to be a very good team.

"We have to come out of our nonconference opener at Arizona State — which is going to be picked as one of the top teams in the country — with a positive attitude and hold it until our conference schedule starts. If we do, I think we will be all right."

Johnson, while surprised, considered it a compliment to be picked as the pre-season favorite by Osborne and Criner. He said he did not think playing at Lincoln and at Norman would be "that much of a handicap." The Cowboys played better on the road than at home last year. Johnson said, "I think our team will be fired up to play those (Nebraska and Oklahoma) games. I know I will be. At least, more so than I have been." Jimmy made all these comments, however, before announcing on June 3 that he was going to Miami.

Missouri is stronger than OSU in two areas that usually determine championships: quarterback and defensive linemen. Marlon Adler is the No. 1 returning quarterback in the Big Eight Conference. The only question about the artful scrambler is whether he will be No. 1 at Missouri. The bigger and more talented Warren Seitz succeeded in his annual spring attempt to wrest Adler's job.

EARL JOHNSON (5) couldn't ask for anymore than BRENT BURKS (69) and CHUCK THOMAS (73) making the holes for him.



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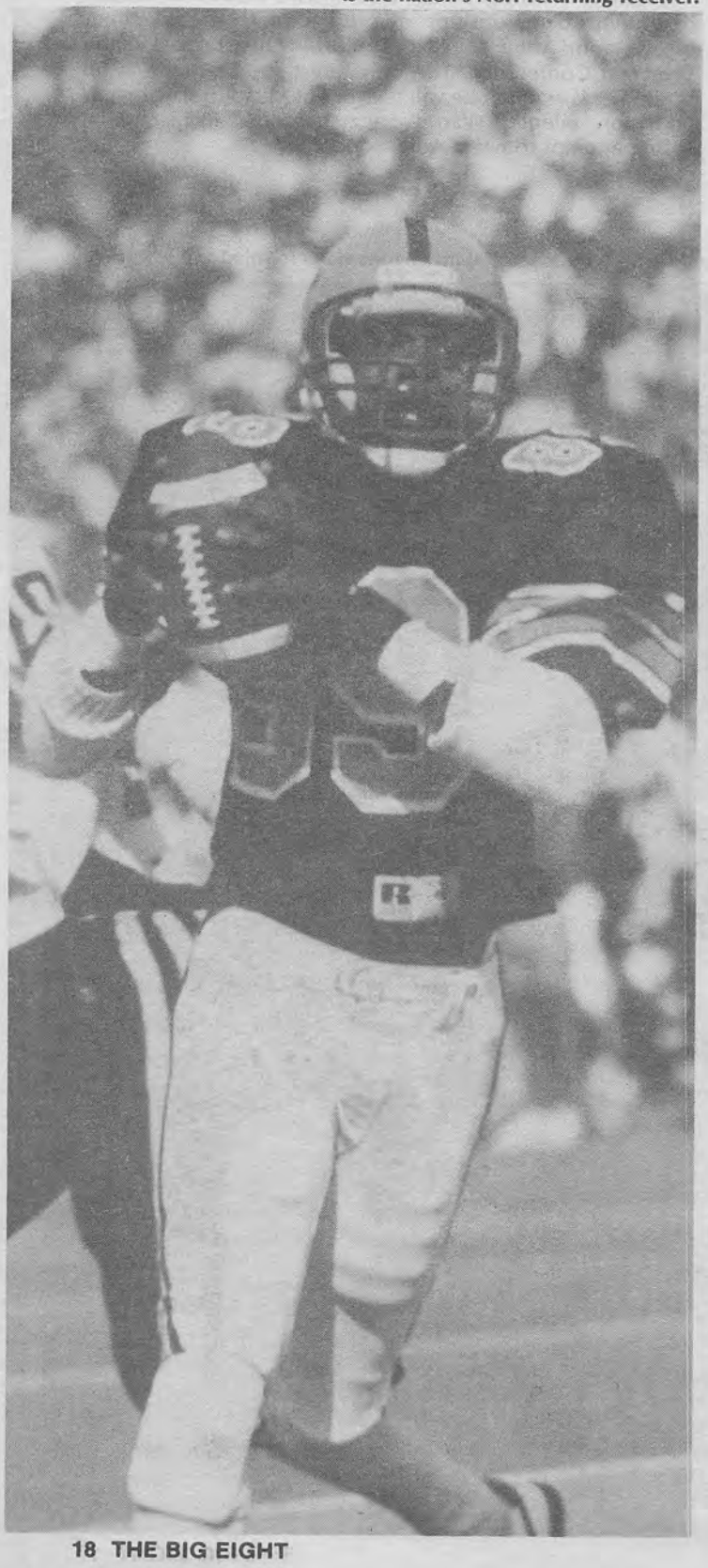
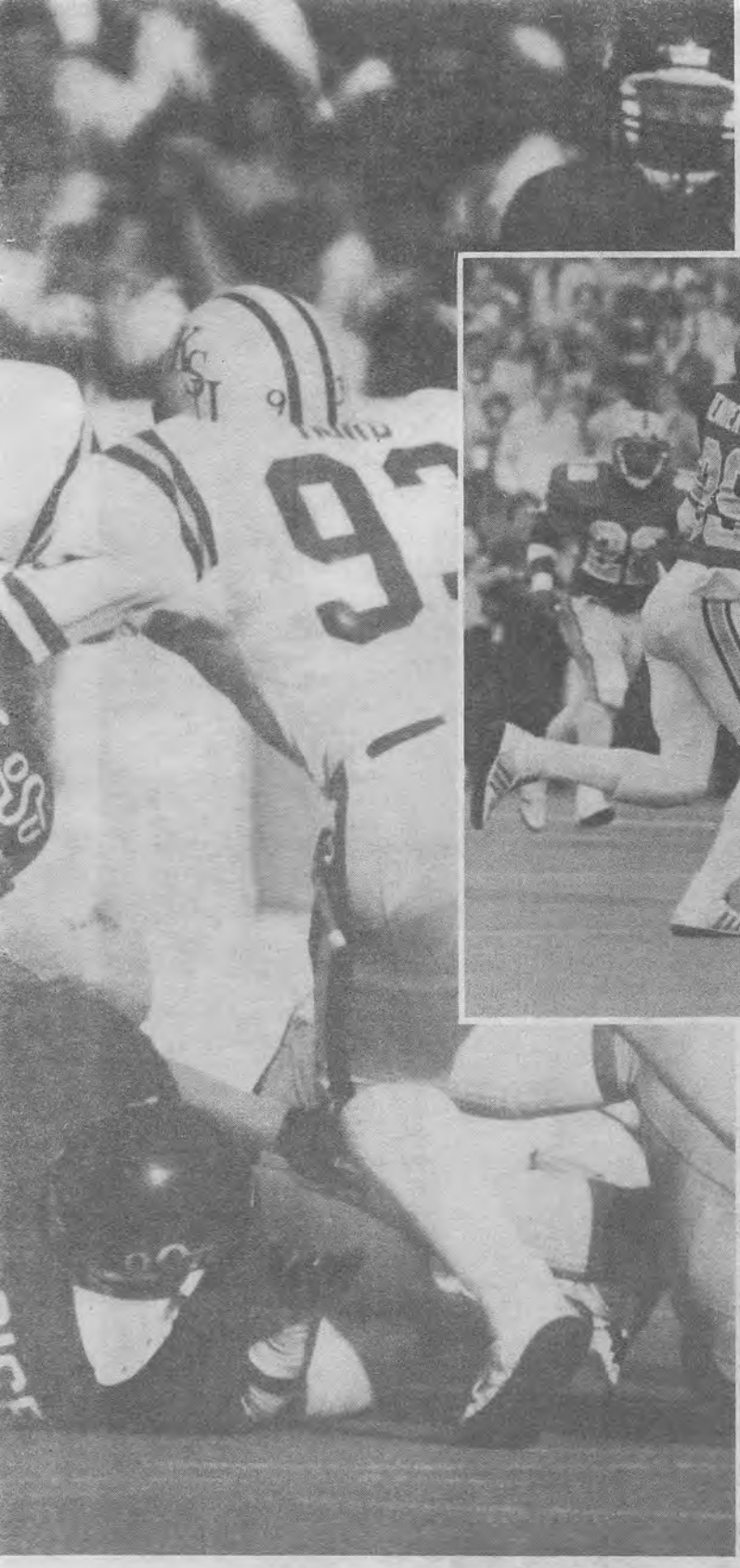
Flanker TRACEY HENDERSON (89) is one of Iowa State Coach Criner's reasons for committment to the air. Henderson set a Big Eight record for receptions and is the nation's No.1 returning receiver.

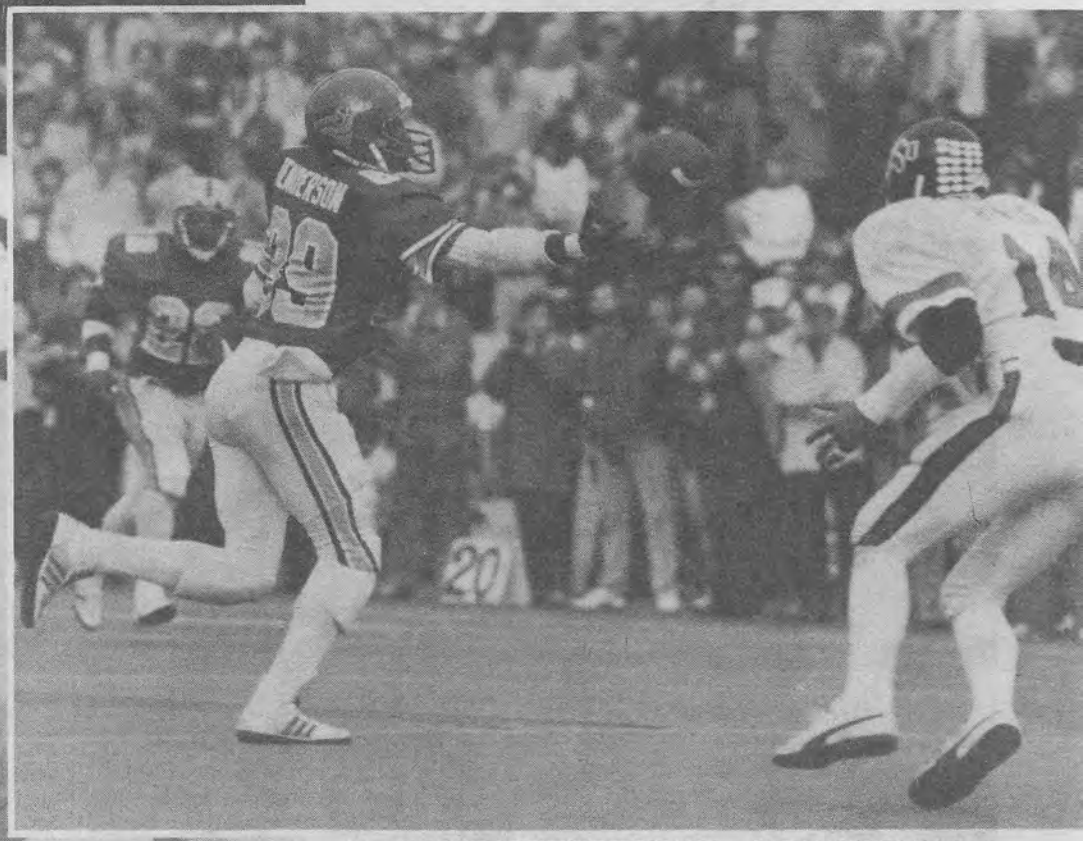


SHAWN JONES (3) one of the Cowboys' stable of fleet receivers is about to leave the pack.

Typically, Seitz out-played Adler in the spring game and Powers made it clear the door was open for Adler to reclaim his job. "I think Marlon may have become a little complacent," Powers said. "He has a unique way of making things happen. His experience showed in the spring game. I am sure Marlon isn't going to give up."

Tackles Pat Burns, Michael Scott and Robert Curry and noseguard Steve Leshe give Missouri the best defensive interior in the conference. With the secondary believed less





Iowa State's TRACEY HENDERSON (89) and ADAM HINDS (14) from Oklahoma State in one of football's pictorial moments of truth.

vulnerable against the bomb ("We lost three games on bombs last year," Powers said) and the strongest and quickest offensive line "we have ever had," the Tigers look impressive.

"And," Powers said, "we found some fast running backs (five of them). This is the best we have been. We have a quarterback who can win; we are strong up front and we do not have as many questions as we've had in the past."

But they have that road schedule. "If you are going to win the Big Eight you have to win on the road," Powers said. "Sure, it will be tough. I would rather be playing those people at home. But we will be good."

While there appears to be a spacious dropoff to the second division, the races between Iowa State and Kansas State for fifth place and Colorado and Kansas for seventh place could be as furious as the race for first.

Iowa State, which surprised in its first season under Criner by tying OSU for fourth after being picked eighth, should be improved. So should Colorado. Kansas State, which sank back into the cellar one year after playing in its first bowl game, expects to be significantly better. Kansas, the most inexperienced team in the conference, "is back to square one and starting over," second-year Coach Mike Gottfried said.

Iowa State will be "much better overall," Criner said, despite having to replace quarterback David Archer, who led the Big Eight in total offense. But the Cyclones should defend better, because of shifting to a 4-3 alignment and junior college reinforcements for the secondary, and run better, because of new tailback Al Watson.

Criner was undecided but high on two quarterbacks, Alan Hood and Alex Espinoza, and plans to continue emphasis on passing, because he is committed and also because of flanker Tracy Henderson, who set a Big Eight record for receptions and is the nation's No. 1 returning receiver. In addition, Dave Smoldt is the Big Eight's only established tight end.

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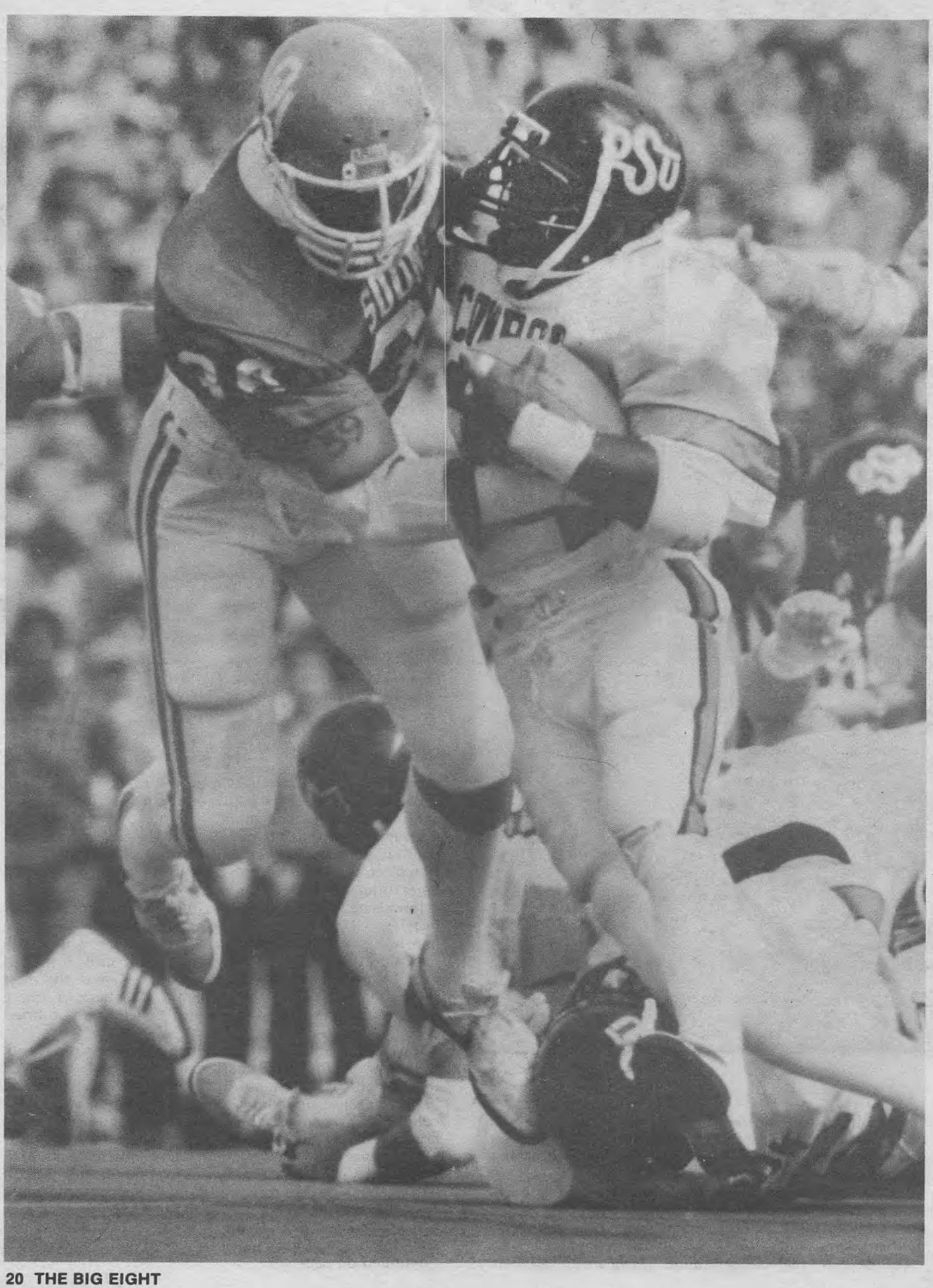


ALL BIG EIGHT

This year's All Big Eight team is destined for National Honors, because it is a composite team of "Franchise Players". Each one earned his recognition the hard way.

THE NFL AND THE USFL WILL HAVE a dogfight over this year's All Big Eight Team. This is one of the teams where even most of the line should go high. This team is a clear indicator that the Big Eight Conference is back to claim its national prominence in producing great football athletes.

It is interesting to note that in recent years, college football nationwide has tended to rely on a few "difference maker" type players on which to build their championship teams. This is where you have a few "great" players surrounded by good players and count on your "greats" to pull it off for you. A good example might have been Nebraska's Gill, Rozier, Fryar trio last year.

If we look at the coaches' picks this year we see something completely different from their selections last year. Last year, they selected a "balanced" All Big Eight team. If both the first team and second team picks were combined we would see that Oklahoma had nine players last year, Nebraska seven, Missouri seven, Oklahoma State eight, and Kansas seven. The 1984 poll is top heavy. Oklahoma has thirteen players on the two team picks and Nebraska has eleven. The nearest others are Missouri with seven and Oklahoma State with seven. This would indicate a severe drop-off of players from the other four schools. So if we look at the All Big Eight selections as having "difference maker" qualities we will see the two Big Reds at it again for the Big Eight title with Missouri and Oklahoma State ready to hit either one from the blind side. Of course, this method of analysis is far less accurate than the full team analysis.

This year's All Big Eight team does not contain young media heroes. These players have earned their recognition the hard way. Of the 24 players on the first team, 18 will graduate next year.

There is also one player who would have been selected on the 1984 All Big Eight team, Mike Knox, linebacker for Nebraska, except he is out with an injury suffered this spring.

If we look at the talent of this year's team we see a lot of nationally ranked players. Total offense sports Marlon Adler ranked 46th nationally last year and Danny Bradley ranked 85th. All purpose runners were Earl Johnson (second team) ranked 52nd last year, Shawn Jones ranked 53rd, George Rhymes (second team) ranked 58th, Tracy Henderson ranked 71st and Spencer Tillman ranked 88th.

This team was no slouch at scoring last year either. Larry Roach ranked 29th last year by scoring 77 points with his foot. Marlon Adler ranked 39th with 72 points, Spencer Tillman was 74th with 54 points, and Earl Johnson (second team) was 94th with 50 points.

These stats do not reflect the talent yet to be unveiled in player's like Jeff Smith of Nebraska. Smith will be a not-so-common name before this season is over. With players like Grimminger, Traynowicz, and Behning making the holes Smith should be great. Of course, Weber, Harris, Clark Stuckey and Graber are going to give any opposing offense a wall to overcome.

The Sooner's All Big Eight members will also score. Tillman, Bradley, Johnson, Ledbetter, and Rhymes can all rest easy behind Burks, Pickett, Thomas and Leggett. What a group. The Oklahoma defense may not be as experienced as Nebraska's but any team in the nation would take Casillas, Murphy, Stanberry and Rockford as their "franchise defenders".

Oklahoma State and Missouri hope to build around their interior defensive line and their offensive line. It almost seems impossible that Missouri would have another quarterback in the stalls who may challenge Adler as good as he is at quarterback and punter. But they do, they have one in Warren Seitz.

OSU's Shawn Jones will definitely contend for top honors, especially behind the likes of Partida and Hanna. Leslie O'Neal won't be alone either. He'll be stomping with Monger and Hinds.

Missouri's Mack, Matichak, Troy, Scott and Caver will be the "Nightmare" of the other Big Eight quarterbacks.

Then comes the question, how many "franchise players" must a team have? Sylvester Byrd and Tracy Henderson will get to answer that question for the Jayhawk and the Cyclone offenses. Damian Johnson at KSU and Junior Ili at CU will do a lot of wishing. While Les Miller and Curtis Hughes at KSU, Willie Pless at KU, Bob Daniels and David Ast at KSU will present some awesome one man shows.

No matter what, there's not a player on this year's All Big Eight team who won't be heralded as a "franchise player" and one of the greats of the 1984 Big Eight football season.

Super star KEVIN MURPHY (39) defends the turf for OU's Sooners.

Coaches' Pre-Season

ALL BIG EIGHT

Offensive Team

SECOND TEAM

TE	**BARRY HANNA**, 6-2, 235, Sr., OSU	**SE**	**BUSTER RHYMES**, 6-4, 215, Sr., OU
LT	**MARK BEHNING**, 6-7, 290, Sr., NU	**QB**	**DANNY BRADLEY**, 5-10, 185, Sr., OU
LG	**JEFF PICKETT**, 6-2, 265, So., OU	**RB**	**EARL JOHNSON**, 5-11, 200, So., OU
C	**MARK TRAYNOWICZ**, 6-6, 260, Sr., NU	**RB**	**LEE ROUSON**, 6-2, 201, Sr., CU
RG	**JUNIOR ILI**, 6-1, 254, Sr., CU	**RB**	**JEROME LEDBETTER**, 5-10, 215, Sr., OU
RT	**SCOTT LEGGETT**, 6-5, 270, Jr., OU		

QUARTERBACK

MARLON ADLER, MU (6-0, 183, Sr.) — The Tiger's offensive leader accounted for 23 of Mizzou's 35 seasonal touchdowns. He rushed for 12 TDs, the best ever by a Missouri quarterback, and passed for 11 more. His 1,870 run-pass yards is the third best total offense for one season on Mizzou books, and his 1,603 passing yards is fifth. A scrambling type, clever on the option, with a knack for making things happen, the two-year starter was originally a walk-on punter. He completed 58.3 percent of his passes last season, and tallied 13 interceptions. He was named the Big Eight Offensive Player of the Week following Missouri's 28-18 opening game victory over Big Ten champion Illinois.

SPLIT END

TRACY HENDERSON, ISU (6-0, 182, Jr.) — The nation's leading returning wide receiver is the Big Eight's only returning offensive player who earned both AP and UPI first team all-league honors in 1983. Henderson was a *Sporting News* and *Football News* Sophomore All-American, and he was the only sophomore on the *Omaha World-Herald* All Big Eight first team. He finished third nationally in receptions, out-distanced only by two running backs. He became the Big Eight's first receiver to gain more than 1,000 reception yards in a season last year, when he set records for receptions in a season (81), reception yardage in a season (1,051) and receptions in a game (16 against Kansas State).

TACKLE

BRENT BURKS, OU (6-7, 270, Sr.) — A second-year starter at left tackle, after starting every game at either left or right tackle as a sophomore in 1982, Burks could vie for all-conference honors. In 1983, he had a great cut-off to allow Spencer Tillman's 37-yard touchdown run in the Ohio State game, and he made the prime block as Danny Bradley raced 36 yards to score in the Texas shootout. He missed the Colorado game with a knee injury, but came back strong in the final two games against Nebraska and Hawaii. An intelligent athlete who plays both sides equally well, Burks has the quickness and mobility coaches love to see in such a big man. He was redshirted in 1981.

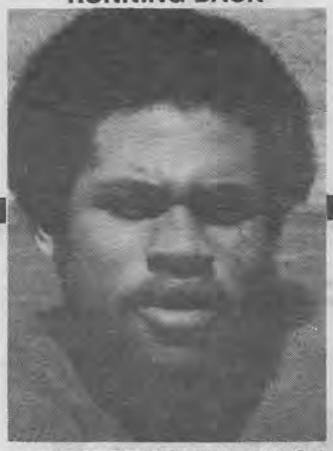
GUARD

HARRY GRIMMINGER, NU (6-3, 265, Sr.) — A starter throughout the 1983 season, Grimminger will be a contender for all-conference honors in 1984. The Huskers' left guard, he will line up between two other returning starters — tackle Mark Behning and All Big Eight center Mark Traynowicz — in what should be an outstanding left side of the Nebraska front wall. An excellent blocker, Grimminger is one of the main reasons the Huskers averaged 401.7 rushing yards in 1983 to lead the nation for the second straight year.

RUNNING BACK

SHAWN JONES, OSU (6-1, 220, Sr.) — Jones rushed for 985 yards on 225 carries to earn All Big Eight honors on the AP roster. He stepped in to play for injured All-American Ernest Anderson in last year's opener. Jones was ranked among the nation's top six rushers after the first six games of the season. He tallied 203 yards in a single game against Texas A&M.

RUNNING BACK



JEFF SMITH, NU (5-9, 195, Sr.) — The heir-apparent to Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier, Smith appears ready to carry on the Huskers' I-back tradition in 1984. As Rozier's alternate in 1983, Smith carried 78 times for 439 yards (a 5.6 average) and five TDs. He also led the Big Eight and ranked fourth nationally in punt returns at 13.9 yards per return, helped by a 63-yard TD versus Kansas. Already over 1,000 yards in career rushing, Smith enters his senior year with 1,057 yards and a 7.7 career rushing average, plus 12 touchdowns on the ground and a career punt return average of 14.7 yards, including two touchdowns against Kansas.

RUNNING BACK

SPENCER TILLMAN, OU (5-11, 205, So.) — A blue chip performer, Tillman was named AP 1983 Offensive Newcomer of the Year and second team all-conference. He became the first freshman in OU history, and only the second in Big Eight annals, to rush for over 1,000 yards in a single season. He finished 1983 with 1,047 yards even though he missed one game because of injury. After just one year, Tillman already ranks 10th in the single-season rushing list. Probably the most elusive runner the Sooners have had since Joe Washington, Tillman opened last season as a fullback but played tailback in a number of games. He rushed for more than 100 yards in five different games.

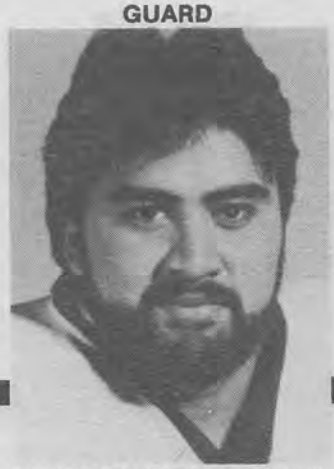
KICKER

LARRY ROACH, OSU (6-1, 175, Sr.) — Roach was All Big Eight as a rookie sophomore, and he is the most successful kicker in Oklahoma State history. He has kicked one from 61 yards, and he is the second all-time career scorer in OSU history with 213 points. Roach, who owns a conference share of successful consecutive kicks with nine, should set the Big Eight career mark this year — he only needs five more.

CENTER

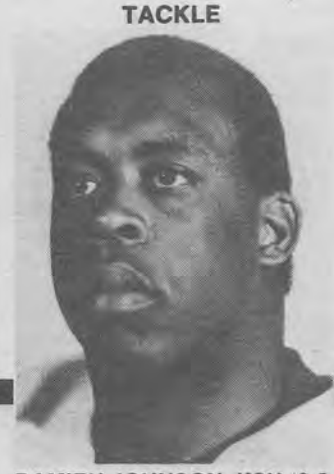
CHUCK THOMAS, OU (6-3, 273, Sr.) — Selected All Big Eight by AP, Thomas has become a fine center and will be the keystone for the Sooner offensive line in 1984. He made a great block on the middle linebacker for OU's first touchdown last year against Stanford. He executed a fine cut-off on Spencer Tillman's touchdown run in the Ohio State game, and he had the key block for two touchdowns against Tulsa. He made three key blocks in perhaps his best day versus Kansas State. Thomas begins his third year as a starter. He was chosen 1982 second team all-conference, and was named a 1982 Sophomore All-American by *Football News* and *Inside the Blue Chips*.

GUARD



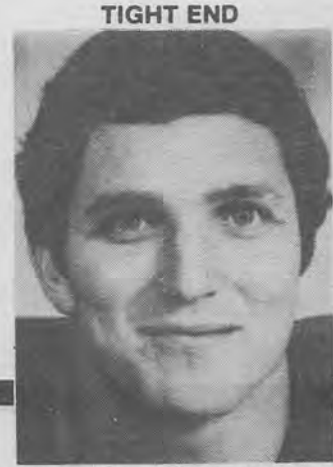
RALPH PARTIDA, OSU (6-3, 256, Sr.) — Partida started all 12 games as an offensive guard in 1983. Not only projected as a repeat starter, but one of the best guards in the Big Eight, he's 40 pounds larger than when he arrived in Stillwater. He was named to conference all-academic teams the past two seasons. He is a particularly diligent worker in practice, and he takes a daily tour of the weight room. His incredible size and strength, combined with 4.8 speed, make pulling assignments seem second nature. Occasionally, the Cowboys slip him in on key kick coverage situations, and he responded in 1983 by contributing to three tackles. Partida is one of Oklahoma State's best.

TACKLE



DAMIEN JOHNSON, KSU (6-5, 283, Sr.) — An iron man in the Kansas State trenches, Johnson has made 31 consecutive starts for the Wildcats, the most of any current player. He earned second team All Big Eight honors from UPI following the 1983 campaign. A gifted lineman with above average speed, he may be the best pass blocker on the team. Johnson carried a heavy load during the fall as the only returning starter in KSU's offensive wall. He was selected to the *Sporting News* All-American freshman team two years ago, and he will serve as one of his team's tri-captains.

TIGHT END



SYLVESTER BYRD, KU (6-3, 220, Sr.) — A three-year letterman and two-year starter for the Jayhawks, Byrd will serve as team co-captain in 1984. He has 27 receptions for 268 yards over the past two seasons. A punishing blocker from his tight end position, Byrd enjoyed an impressive spring, catching three passes for 39 yards in a spring game. His best one-game performance last season included three receptions for 30 yards against Northern Illinois. He played J.V. ball at KU his first season, and caught six passes for 106 yards and two touchdowns. He was consensus all-state and named to the Super Twenty team by *Blue Chips* after an excellent high school career at Kansas City.

Coaches' Pre-Season

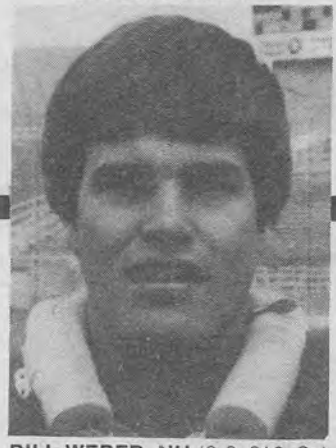
ALL BIG EIGHT

Defensive Team

SECOND TEAM

LE	**ERIC TROY**, 6-1, 202, Jr., MU	**LB**	**BOB DANIELS**, 6-3, 230, Sr., KSU
LT	**ROB STUCKEY**, 6-2, 250, Sr., NU	**DB**	**NEIL HARRIS**, 6-1, 195, Sr., NU
NG	**KEN GRAEBER**, 6-2, 250, Sr., NU	**DB**	**JIM ROCKFORD**, 5-10, 180, Sr., OU
RT	**MICHAEL SCOTT**, 6-2, 250, Sr., NU	**FS**	**JEROME CAVER**, 5-11, 191, Sr., MU
RE	**SCOTT STRASBURGER**, 6-1, 205, Sr., NU	**S**	**DAVID AST**, 6-0, 174, Jr., KSU
LB	**MATT MONGER**, 6-2, 215, Sr., OSU	**P**	**SCOTT LIVINGSTON**, 6-2, 200, Sr., NU

DEFENSIVE END

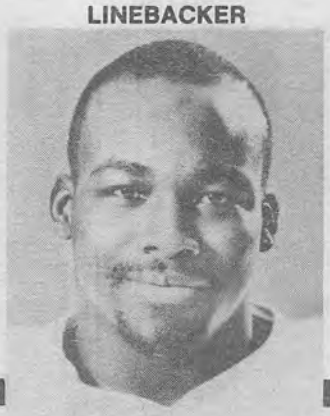


BILL WEBER, NU (6-2, 210, Sr.) — A three-year letterman and a two-time academic All Big Eight pick, Weber returns as Nebraska's starter at defensive left end, where he had a solid season in 1983. One of the defensive heroes in the Huskers' 28-21 win at Oklahoma, which sealed Nebraska's third straight undefeated conference season, Weber recorded a season high six tackles, including three for losses. He threw OU quarterback Danny Bradley for a three-yard loss to the Husker 10. Weber totaled 34 tackles last year — 24 unassisted — including four for losses of 25 yards and a quarterback sack against Oklahoma for a 14-yard loss.

PUNTER

MARLON ADLER, MU (6-0, 183, Sr.) — Originally a walk-on punter who also became quarterback (see All Big Eight Offensive Team), Adler is the first player ever to hold two positions simultaneously on All Big Eight teams. He averaged 38.7 yards per punt in 1983, with 16 of his 55 kicks downed inside the 20-yard line — and just three touchbacks. His longest punt was 68 yards.

LINEBACKER



WILLIE PLESS, KU (6-0, 215, Jr.) — One of just two sophomores in the league to earn first team all-conference honors on the defensive unit, Pless led the conference in total tackles with 188. He is credited with 80 unassisted stops and 108 assisted tackles. He recorded an average of 17 tackles per game. He made 28 tackles and assists in his first game as a linebacker last season against TCU. He went over 20 total tackles four times last year, ranking 14th on KU's all-time list with two seasons left to play. His best game last year included 22 stops over Missouri. Pless saw action in all 11 of KU's games as a freshman, and he led the squad in fumble recoveries his first season with three.

LINEBACKER

TRACEY MACK, MU (6-0, 222, Sr.) — Recuperating from lower back (disc) surgery in January, Mack did not participate in spring football. One of 1983's most notable conversions, he was the Tigers' top rusher in 1982. He switched to linebacker last spring and delivered handsomely, finishing as the team's No. 2 tackler with 101 hits, averaging better than nine per game. Mack blossomed into a hard-sticking tackler and a wide-ranging defender. He is the swiftest linebacker ever to play for Missouri with 4.4 speed in the 40-yard dash. He received an injury hardship waiver in 1981, and won All Big Eight academic first team honors last year.

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

LESLIE O'NEAL, OSU (6-4, 228, Jr.) — A consensus All Big Eight player in 1983, O'Neal was third among conference down linemen in tackles last year. He is ticketed for "all" honors this year. He makes up for lack of size with good strength and great quickness. O'Neal had more tackles for loss with 14 than any player in the league last year — including 10 sacks.

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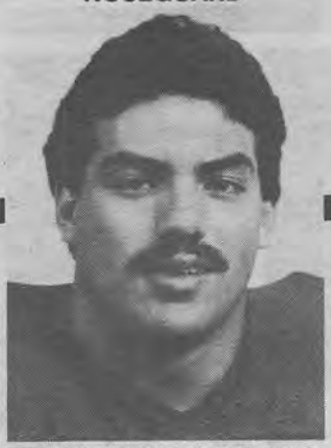
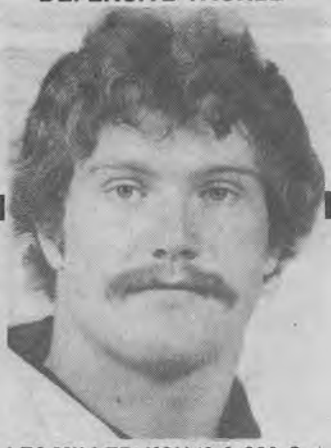


TONY CASILLAS, OU (6-3, 275, Jr.) — Second team All Big Eight in 1983, Casillas really came into his own as a defensive force. He totaled 62 tackles, 42 unassisted, with seven of them for 30 yards in losses. He made six sacks for 53 yards. Probably the strongest player on the OU squad, he led the team in tackles for loss. Casillas was nominated for the Big Eight Defensive Player of the Week honor for his play in the OSU game. He recorded 12 tackles against the Cowboys, 10 unassisted, and scored two sacks for 25 yards. An ankle injury forced him to miss his freshman year in 1981, but a hardship ruling saved his eligibility. He made 10 tackles in limited playing time in 1982.

DEFENSIVE TACKLE



LES MILLER, KSU (6-6, 280, So.) — Named Big Eight Defensive Newcomer of the Year by AP, Miller totaled 26 tackles for the season, 10 of them unassisted and three for 11 yards in losses. He missed games against Wyoming and Oklahoma with a knee ailment, but he rebounded to start in the last three games. He led the team with five passes broken up, and his best day came against Oklahoma State with six tackles. He drew the first starting assignment of his college career against Kentucky, Kansas State's second game of the season.

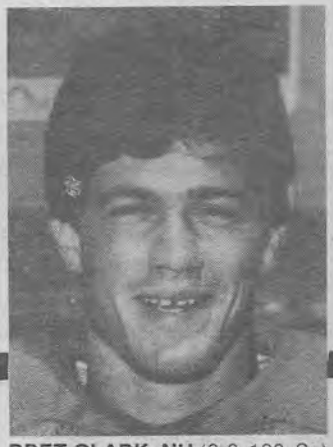
DEFENSIVE END

KEVIN MURPHY, OU (6-2, 225, Sr.) — Named to AP's second team All-America squad, the two-time unanimous All Big Eight selection was chosen 1983 Big Eight Defensive Player of the Year by UPI. Murphy set a school record for most tackles in a single season by a down lineman with 144. He consistently made the "big play" all year, leading the Sooners in sacks with seven for 61 yards. He made six more tackles behind the line of scrimmage for an additional 23 yards in setbacks. Part of his ability to maneuver in heavy traffic comes from playing running back in high school. He played a reserve role at linebacker as a freshman in 1981, making the switch to defensive end in the spring of 1982.

DEFENSIVE BACK

TERRY MATICHAK, MU (6-2½, 190, Sr.) — Flashing across the Big 8 scene like a meteor in 1982-83 following a redshirt season, he blocked four kicks (three field goals and a punt) to merit instant mention on all enemy scouting report in '82. A lingering ankle problem reduced his efficiency late in the season, but winter surgery repaired torn ankle ligaments. Matichak has 76 tackles, including 47 solos and one quarterback sack, and nine tackles for losses. His fastest 40-yard clocking was 4.35. The three-sport high school athlete, including running back and punt returner in football, comes from a football-oriented family.

DEFENSIVE BACK



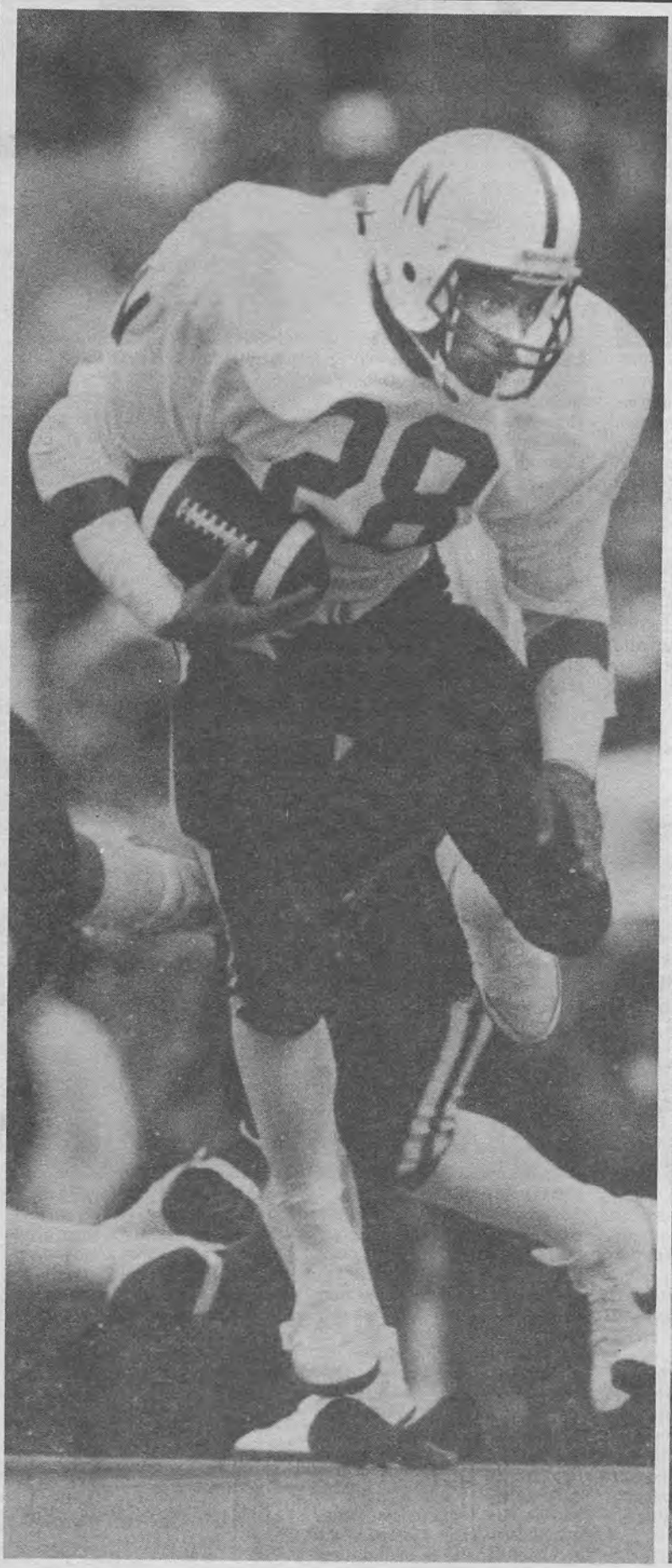
BRET CLARK, NU (6-2, 190, Sr.) — An All Big Eight selection last year, Clark returns to lead the experienced Husker secondary. A veteran with two years of experience as a starter, he led Nebraska and ranked fourth in the Big Eight in interceptions with five. In on 46 tackles as a junior, 37 of them were unassisted. he recovered a fumble and broke up five passes. His five interceptions in 1983 were the most for a Husker in 10 seasons, and the biggest came in the Nebraska end zone after time had run out last year at Oklahoma State, preserving a 14-10 NU win.

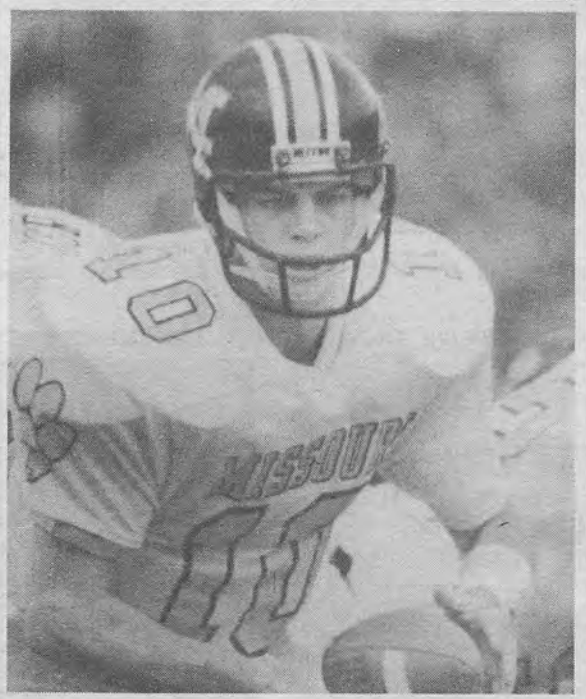
DEFENSIVE BACK

KEITH STANBERRY, OU (6-1, 207, Sr.) — Called by Barry Switzer, "the best strong safety in the Big Eight," Stanberry is bidding to be a four-year starter. He has been named to the second team all-conference two years in a row. He made 44 tackles last year, 29 unassisted. He also had one sack for a seven-yard loss. He intercepted three passes and broke up six more, plus recovering one fumble and blocking a field goal attempt. Stanberry has a career total of 110 tackles and with an average senior season will move into the top five in career tackles by a defensive back. He suffered a shoulder separation after a week of spring drills, but he is expected to be 100 percent by fall.

DEFENSIVE BACK

ADAM HINDS, OSU (6-3, 205, Sr.) — Hinds arrived at Oklahoma State as a quarterback and played there as a sophomore. He moved to the defensive backfield last year and gained second team All Big Eight honors. He led the conference in interceptions with eight, topping the nation's leading pass theft unit.

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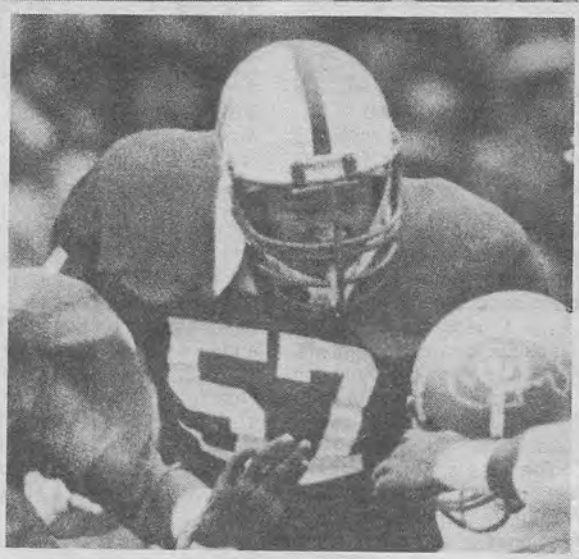


THE WRITERS' POLL

JIM LASSITER
Daily Oklahoman & Times

1. Oklahoma 2. Tied: Nebraska & Oklahoma State 4. Missouri 5. Iowa State 6. Colorado 7. Kansas 8. Kansas State

Pressure's on Switzer. Sooners can't lose four, and Barry knows it. But he's at his best when he's cornered.

Top offensive player: Spencer Tillman, OU. Top defensive player: Leslie O'Neal, OSU. Top sophomore player: Mike Orth, KU.

JIM BAER
St. Louis Suburban Newspapers

1. Nebraska 2. Missouri 3. Oklahoma 4. Oklahoma State 5. Kansas 6. Colorado 7. Iowa State 8. Kansas State

Because defense wins games, 1984 just might belong to the Missouri Tigers. But because the Tigers catch O. U. and Nebraska on the road, the Huskers still look like Big 8 champs. With the departure of Fryar, Gill, Steinkuhler, and of course Rozier, the task may be doubly difficult. Oklahoma State has the wild card, they have enough backfield talent to make it to Miami New Years day. But tradition generally wins out. The cellar-dweller order should remain pretty much the same.

Top offensive player: Jeff Smith, NU. Top defensive player: Kevin Murphy, OU. Top sophomore player: Michael Scott, MU. National championship: UCLA.

CHUCK WOODLING
Lawrence Journal-World

1. Oklahoma State 2. Nebraska 3. Oklahoma 4. Missouri 5. Kansas State 6. Colorado 7. Kansas 8. Iowa State

(Woodling made this selection before Jimmy Johnson left OSU. Woodling Comments: "Attention Jimmy Johnson: It's now or never.")

Top offensive player: Jeff Smith, NU. Top defensive player: Leslie O'Neal, OSU. Top sophomore player: Les Miller, KSU. National championship: USC.

BUCK TURNBULL
Des Moines Register

1. Nebraska 2. Oklahoma 3. Oklahoma State 4. Missouri 5. Colorado 6. Iowa State 7. Kansas State 8. Kansas

"Huskers rate the nod again, playing O-State, Mizzou and OU all at home."

Top offensive player: Jeff Smith, NU. Top defensive player: Leslie O'Neal, OSU. Top sophomore player: Spencer Tillman, OU. National championship: Iowa.

AL ESHBACH
KTOK Radio, Oklahoma City

1. Nebraska 2. Oklahoma 3. Oklahoma State 4. Missouri 5. Iowa State 6. Colorado 7. Kansas 8. Kansas State

The Huskers don't have Gill, Rozier, or Fryar any longer but they may have something just as good: Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Missouri in Lincoln. The offense won't be as good, but defense will be better. You have to go with the champ until he's dethroned. But OU, OSU and MU all think they can win it, and they can!

Top offensive player: Spencer Tillman, OU. Top defensive player: Kevin Murphy, OU. Top sophomore player: Spencer Tillman, OU. National championship: Nebraska.

RANDY YORK
Lincoln Journal and Star

1. Nebraska 2. Oklahoma 3. Oklahoma State 4. Missouri 5. Kansas State 6 Kansas 7. Iowa State 8. Colorado

It'll take more plays for Nebraska to get into the end zone, but the Huskers will still get there. The offense won't match 1983, but in some ways, that's a blessing. The Huskers' old style of ball control will keep the defense off the field. A rested is a more effective defense.

Top offensive player: Mark Traynowicz, NU. Top defensive player: Leslie O'Neal, OSU. Top sophomore player: Malcolm Lewis, OSU. National championship: Auburn.

BOB HENTZEN
Topeka Capital-Journal

1. Nebraska 2. Oklahoma 3. Oklahoma State 4. Missouri 5. Kansas State 6. Colorado 7. Iowa State 8. Kansas

Oklahoma State and Missouri loom as legitimate title contenders, but picking against Nebraska and Oklahoma will remain dumb until somebody beats 'em.

Top offensive player: Jeff Smith, NU. Top defensive player: Willie Pless, KU. Top sophomore player: Spencer Tillman, OU. National Championship: Texas.

DAN CREEDON
Boulder Camera

1. Nebraska 2. Oklahoma 3. Missouri 4. Oklahoma State 5. Colorado 6. Iowa State 7. Kansas State 8. Kansas

The gap between the "Big Two" and the "Little Six" closes, but not enough to nudge either the Huskers or Sooners out of the favorite's role.

Top offensive player: Marlon Adler, MU. Top defensive player: Kevin Murphy, OU. Top sophomore player: Spencer Tillman, OU. National championship, Auburn.

TOM DIRATO
Stillwater

1. Nebraska 2. Oklahoma State 3. Oklahoma 4. Missouri 5. Kansas State 6. Iowa State 7. Kansas 8. Colorado

As usual, there will be a wild scramble for position in the Big Eight Conference. But, this year that scramble will likely take place for the league championship. There appears to be little difference between Nebraska, Oklahoma State and Oklahoma. Those head-to-head battles this fall will be awesome. As for the rest of the race—you pick 'em.

Top offensive player: Marlon Adler, MU. Top defensive player: Leslie O'Neal, OSU. Top sophomore player: Spencer Tillman, OU. National championship: Miami.

PARADISE REGAINED

The Stars have dimmed, but Paradise could be regained with Powerhouse Returnees and the Big Eight's most enviable Schedule.

By **RANDY YORK**, *Lincoln Journal and Star*

DON'T MAKE THE MISTAKE. Don't say "Play it Again, Tom," because even Tom Osborne knows his Cornhuskers can't win a fourth straight Big Eight Conference football championship the same way they've won the last three.

If "The Scoring Explosion" was the theme in 1983, "The Scoring Erosion" will have to be the battle cry of 1984.

The 'D' has to go back in defense. After pillaging everyone else's end zone with one of the most devastating offenses in collegiate history, the Huskers need to keep teams out of their own end zone.

They're going to have to win the old-fashioned way. They're going to have to earn it. In other words, a quick-striking offense must become a ball-control offense again and a porous defense needs to lick its psychological wounds and plug its physical holes.

It's no secret. Nebraska saw a national championship evaporate in Miami because the Huskers couldn't stop a Hurricane from getting a first down, let alone a touchdown. Paradise was lost, pride was shattered and sarcasm replaced enthusiasm, at least among a growing army of fans.

Nebraska had a good news-bad news situation, heading into spring practice. The good news was nine starters returned on defense. The bad news was—well, nine starters returned on defense.

If that wasn't enough to keep the hot-stove quarterbacks in business, Charlie McBride went public with a private thought. Nebraska's defensive coordinator said no one had a job sewn up heading into spring practice.

The message wasn't all that controversial, but the delivery was. McBride avoided Nebraska's usual diplomatic standards. He cut through the rhetoric and got straight to the point. In effect, he said, Nebraska's defense wasn't much and he wasn't about to put up with another season like before.

The meek would not inherit a Black Shirt. Nebraska's once proud defensive jersey would be a reward, not a gift.

After one unbelievable tough month in April, that's what happened. With the exception of injured linebacker Mike Knox, every Nebraska defensive starter has his job heading into 1984 fall camp. And every one of them survived some fairly high powered competition.

A complete reconstructive repair of an anterior cruciate knee ligament is expected to keep Knox on the sidelines this fall. The All-Big Eight linebacker and leading tackler was injured on a freak play in the spring game.

Everyone agreed. The Huskers lost the heart of their defense. But they'd worked too hard to concede they also lost the soul of their defense.

Too many positive things had happened to cry wolf. The highlights were easy to pinpoint: Defensive end Scott Strasburger (6-1, 205) played like a real All-American, not just an Academic All-American. All-Big Eight safety Bret Clark (6-3, 200) rebounded from ankle surgery, signaling his bid to climb one step higher. Middle guard Ken Graeber (6-2, 245) and defensive tackle Rob Stuckey (6-3, 245) played well enough to make their coaches envision All-Big Eight seasons for both of them. Rookie linebackers Marc Munford (6-2, 225) and Kevin Parsons (6-2, 230) played like veterans and set a tone for a more physical style from everyone. Ditto for Dennis Watkins, a 5-11, 180-pound walk-on cornerback who gave the Huskers a dash of Lester Hayes in an experienced, but still somewhat uncertain secondary. Defensive tackles Chris Spachman (6-4, 260), Jim Skow (6-3, 235), Danny Noonan (6-3, 260) and Lee Jones (6-1, 230) and middle guards Ken Shead (5-11, 235), John Reinhardt (5-11, 240) and Phil Rogers (6-1, 225) gave the Huskers the quickness and depth they haven't had for a decent pass rush.

The good news didn't end there. Linebacker Mark Daum (6-3, 235) and monster Mike McCashland (6-1, 200), a pair of returning senior starters, had by far the best springs of their careers.

Right cornerback Neil Harris (6-0, 190) was healthy, left cornerback Dave Burke (5-10, 190) was happy and defensive end Bill Weber (6-2, 210) was up to his old self, getting to the right places while setting the team record for making the least mistakes.

If the defense had nothing else, it had its pride back. It was confident and cohesive, determined and disciplined, snorting and stinging.

"We're going to be better on defense. How much better, I don't know," said Osborne, who hopes the Huskers have developed new depth, new heart and a new pattern for winning.

"Points won't come as easily this year, so we're hoping to compensate with a better defense," Osborne said. "We hope to see the defensive team that played against Penn State and UCLA last year instead of the one that played against Iowa State and Miami."

If Nebraska can regain those standards, the Huskers should make an exciting run for another conference championship after becoming the first league team since Oklahoma in the late '50s to win three straight titles without a loss.

One thing is certain. Even though Nebraska has lost the superstars on offense, it has not lost the efficiency. During the spring, coaches and players alike saw the making of another machine-like offense that gobbles up yards like Pac-Man gobbles up power dots.

Goodby Turner Gill, Mike Rozier, Irving Fryar, Mark Schellen and Dean Steinkuhler. Hate to see you and your $12 million values go. But at Nebraska, life goes on, hope springs eternal and Tom Osborne keeps burning the midnight oil.

The Huskers don't mind if every season is a cliche. The title of Nebraska's new football poster makes the statement: "Go for 4 in '84." Obviously, the Huskers think they have the ammunition to manufacture another championship.

They may not be loaded down with million-dollar superstars. But they're loaded down with tradition, momentum and a schedule that should pave another yellow brick road to Miami.

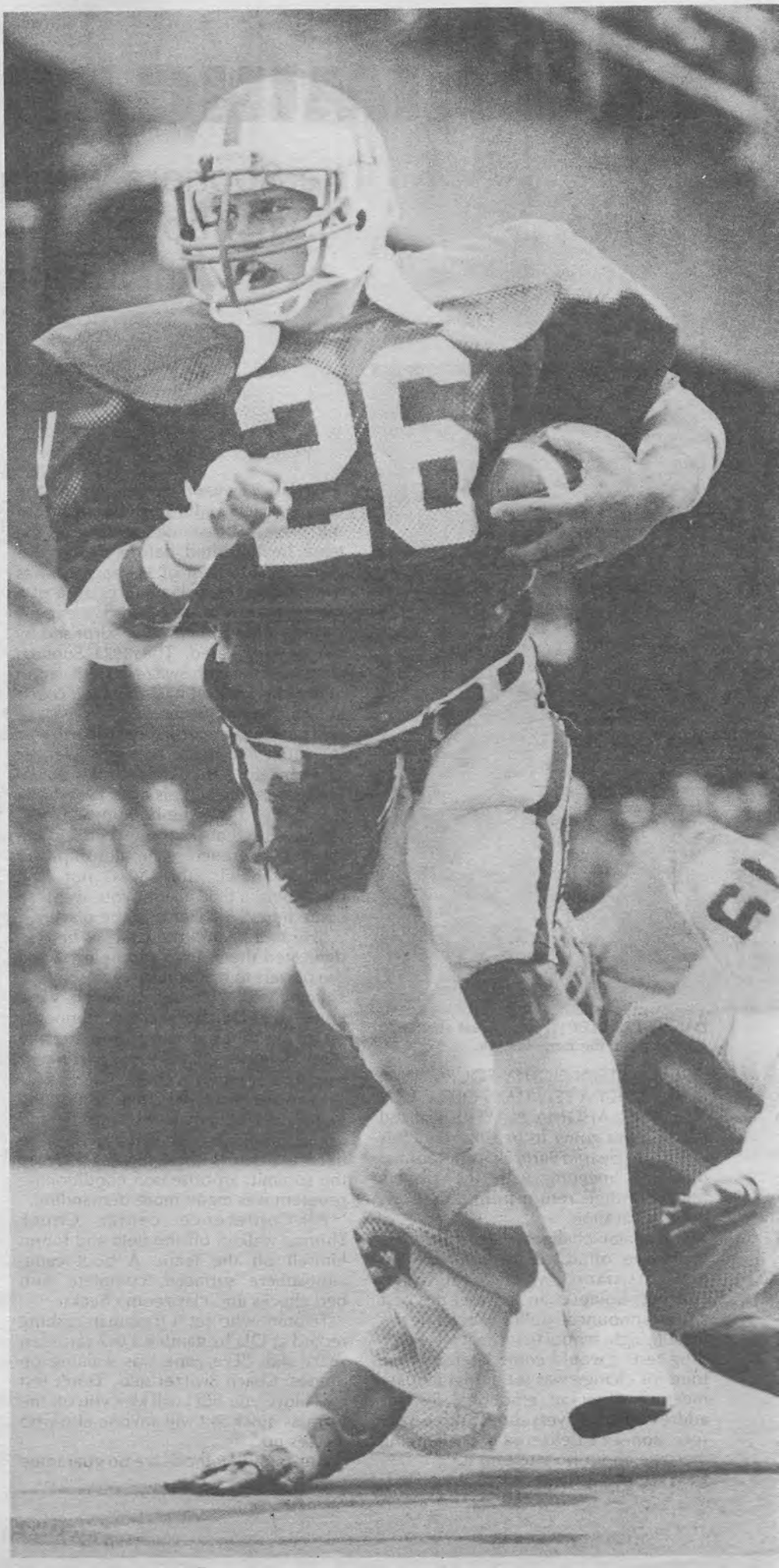
Nebraska plays what should be its top three conference rivals at home—Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Missouri. But before the Huskers worry about playing the Sooners in their annual shootout, they have other problems.

"UCLA will be the highest-ranked team ... probably," Osborne said. "And I think Syracuse will present a very difficult task for us. They ended up 6-5 and beat Boston College and West Virginia at the end of the season.

"They have most of their people back and we play them there. We go into a real tough stretch when we play at UCLA and at Syracuse, then come back to Lincoln and play Missouri and Oklahoma State, back-to-back. Those will be four very demanding games in a row. I think it's that stretch which will make us or break us."

Osborne admitted he came out of spring practice more optimistic than he was going into it. "I think we have a chance to win another Big Eight championship," he said. "We're fighting greater odds than we did in the last two years. But we may have as good a chance as we had when Turner Gill and Mike Rozier were sophomores."

Osborne's analysis is encouraging, but it doesn't quite match the enthusiasm shared by senior Craig Sundberg (6-1, *Continued on page 62.*



TOM RATHMAN (26) barreling down the field shows why he is considered an All Big Eight candidate this year.

RECLAIMING THE GLORY

The Sooners will launch the newest wishbone in an effort to reclaim their national prominence.

By **BILL CONNORS,** *Tulsa World*

DANNY BRADLEY (1) has a great chance to star now that the bone is back.

NINETEEN-EIGHTY-FOUR WAS ONLY A FEW DAYS OLD WHEN OKLAHOMA PLAYERS realized football was going to be different. This was made clear in Barry Switzer's annual offseason meeting with the players following their return from a no-bowl holiday vacation.

The major changes - returning to a Wishbone offense with passing, two new assistants who championed concepts bolder than those of the past and an announced policy to become the first Big Eight school to subject players to drug tests - would come later. But the tone for change was set in that January meeting when an emotional Switzer addressed the players about a three-year recession and delivered a challenging message about how to end it.

It was a Switzer reminiscent of the rookie coach in 1973, when a series of misfortunes threatened to unravel the team he inherited before it played a game. That Switzer of 11 years ago was the fighting, clear-leading catalyst of a talented but troubled and inexperienced (offense) team that surprised by going undefeated. The 1973 Sooners were infected with Switzer's spirit. None of the 1984 Sooners had seen their coach in such flaming form.

"I had never heard a speech like that or seen him like that," halfback Spencer Tillman said. "He almost broke down. There were tears in his eyes. Everybody was ready to tear the building down."

Twelve defeats in three years, no Big Eight Conference championship, no Orange Bowl; this was not the Oklahoma "that made you want to come here," Switzer told the players.

"He said he and the coaches had re-dedicated themselves and he expected the players to re-dedicate themselves," Tillman said. "He said the days were gone when Oklahoma had a monopoly on talent; that it was going to take something extra to get us back to where everyone wanted us to be."

In an attempt to find that "something extra" and eliminate the softness and undisciplined habits that might have been a factor in the Sooners' fall from the summit, an offseason conditioning program was made more demanding.

All-Conference center Chuck Thomas walked off the field and found himself off the team. A boot camp atmosphere surfaced, complete with bed checks and classroom checks.

Tillman, who set a freshman rushing record at OU by gaining 1,047 yards last year, said, "Everyone was walking on tiptoes. Coach Switzer said, 'Don't test me. I love you but I will kick you off the team as quick as I will anyone else who messes up.' "

Get-tough methods are no guarantee to galvanize fallen champions. This approach was not effective last year for the Dallas Cowboys. It will be November when the Sooners play three of their make-or-break games (Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma State), or, at the earliest, October when they finish with Pittsburgh and Texas, before a determination can be made about the effect a new policy will have on Oklahoma.

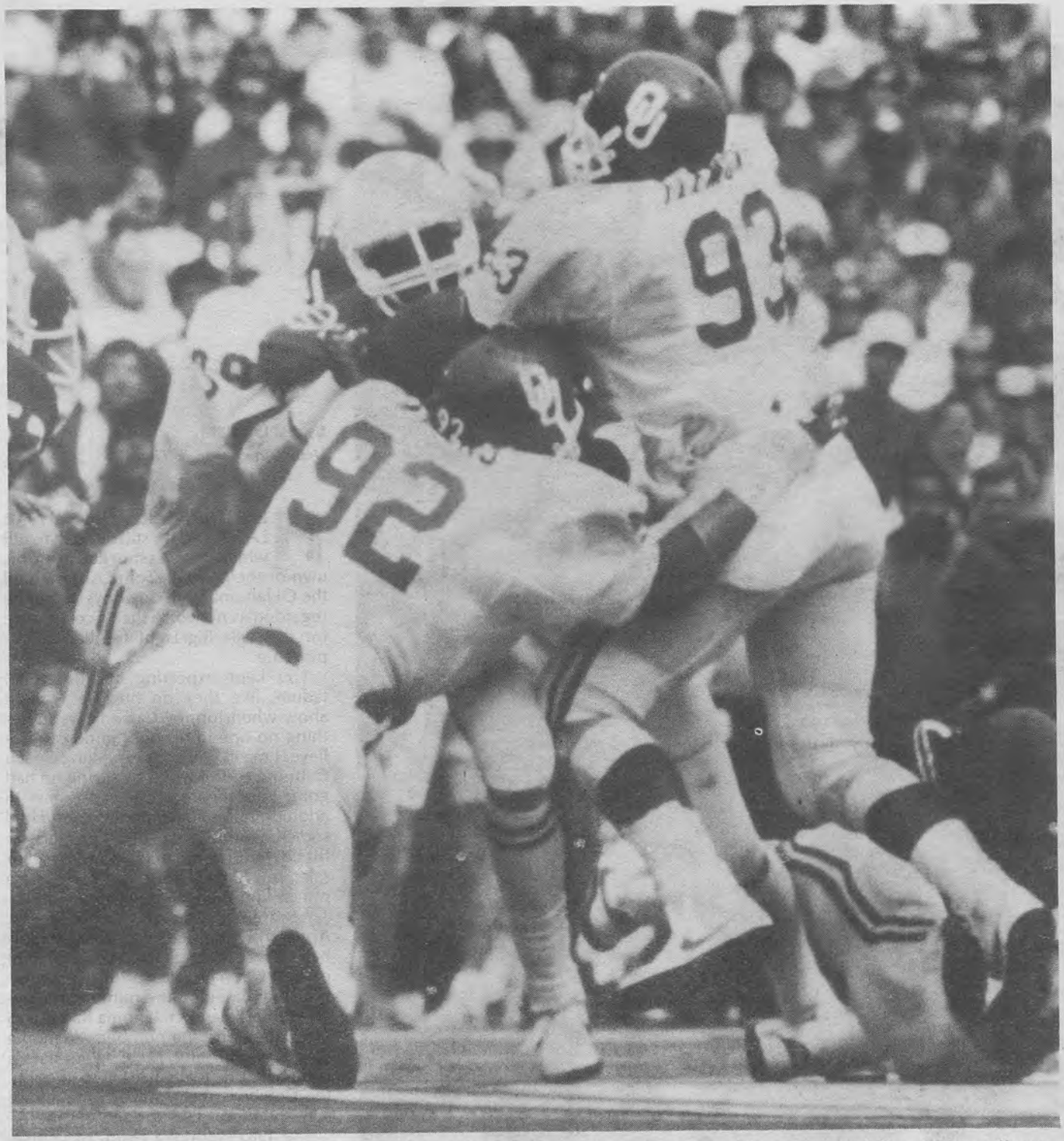
However, this new approach and an inventive attempt to merge two contrasting modes of attack into a novel offense seemingly rejuvenated the Sooners, from the head coach on down.

Switzer, beset by financial problems that he hopes to have resolved before the season begins, admitted he was under pressure before the board of regents declined to give him an annual contract extension and raise. Even the nation's winningest active coach can not afford many 7-4 seasons at Oklahoma. But Switzer has traditionally been at his best when threatened. He bubbled with enthusiasm and confidence as he and his reshaped staff reshaped a team with an inexperienced defense and an offense with experience and speed but defective blocking.

"This was the best spring practice we have had since the early 70's," Switzer said. "We were a better offensive team by the third week of spring practice than we were at any time last year." He thinks the offense new coordinator Mack Brown installed "will be the best thing we have ever done."

Oklahoma is not, however, out of the woods. It is unqualified in one critical area - defensive tackle. It must depend on the same offensive linemen, kickers and tight ends who were inadequate last year. Realistically, the Sooners appear one year away from having the across-the-board strength to regain their place in the national sun.

In a year when Oklahoma's strongest



KEVIN MURPHY (39), TONY CASILLAS (92) and TOM FLEMONS (93) ably demonstrate their All Star qualities against arch rival Texas.

opponents (Nebraska and Texas) are rebuilding but others (Pitt, OSU and Missouri) should peak, the Sooners might win as few as six games or as many as ten, even eleven. It looks that close, that fascinating.

End Kevin Murphy, an All-America probable, nose guard Tony Casillas, an All-Big Eight probable, and strong safety Keith Stanberry are the only established defenders. The ranking tackles won their positions by default, when two rookies projected to start were erased by defection and injury. This alone would seem to preclude much, if any, improvement in the Sooners' record.

But just as the 1983 Sooners were never as good as their experience suggested, the 1984 Sooners might be better than their inexperience suggests. The new linebackers, led by redshirt freshman Brian Bosworth, might prove better than their predecessors. At eight positions, the Sooners could be better than a unit that had five of the first 36 players selected in the NFL draft, but never stopped a strong opponent.

The Sooners can put a proven blue chipper at every skill position on offense. No Big Eight team will have as many gifted and experienced ball-handling operatives as Tillman, quarterback Danny Bradley, halfbacks Steve Sewell and Earl Johnson and wide receivers Buster Rhymes and Derrick Shepard. With Thomas restored, an easier offense to learn and execute, plus some imposing rookies pressing for starting duty, the offensive line should be improved.

The offside penalties that were the curse of '83 vanished in spring practice. Switzer credited "the way we are coaching and the cadence of our new offense."

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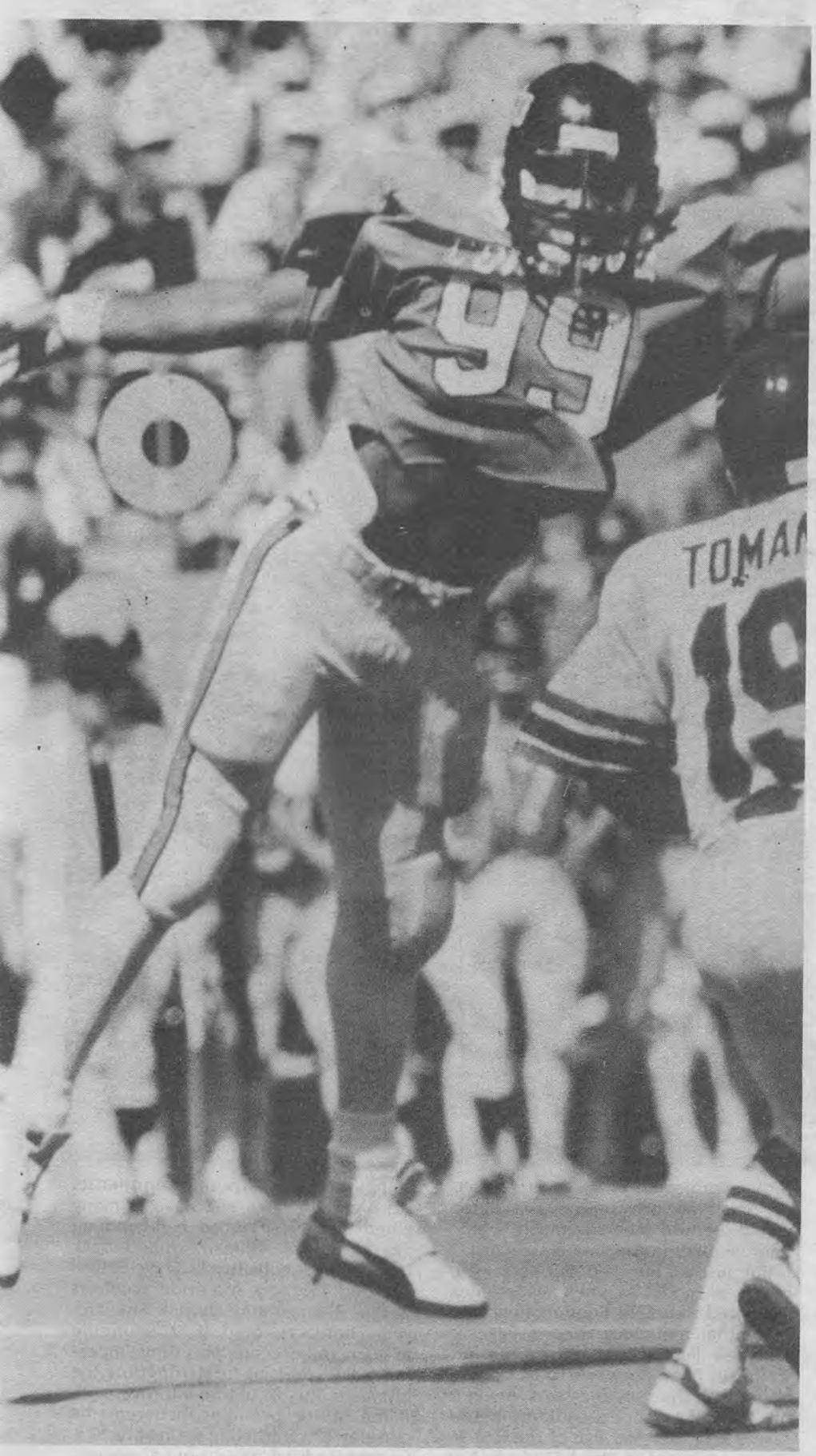

LESLIE O'NEAL (99) had more tackles for loss with fourteen than any other player in the league last year. Ten were quarterback sacks.

WILL

By JIM LASSITER,
Daily Oklahoman & Times

HERE IT IS NEARLY HALF A YEAR LATER and it's still difficult to tell which side was shocked most, his own or theirs, when Tom Osborne said the Oklahoma State Cowboys should be regarded as no worse than a co-favorite for the 1984 Big Eight football championship.

You kept expecting a drum roll... tadum...like they do on The Tonight Show when Johnny Carson says something no one in his right mind can believe. I mean you kept expecting Coach Osborne to follow up by saying he had gone into the real estate business in addition to his coaching duties and had some beautiful ocean-front property in his boyhood home of Hastings, Neb. for sale. You figured there just had to be a punch line there some place.

Apparently, though, there wasn't. Apparently the coach of college football's '83 dream team was very much in earnest when he said during the springtime that based on the number of players Nebraska and Oklahoma had lost to graduation and the number Oklahoma State has returning, the Cowboys are a legitimate title team in '84. If so, though, the Cowboys surely have come a long way and didn't take long to get there.

The 1983 Nebraska team, of course, was untouchable. At least by the Big Eight. At mid-season *Sports Illustrated* proclaimed it the best of all time and any team that outscored its opponents 654 to 217 may well have been.

Only a "miracle" 31-30 upset loss to the Miami Hurricanes in the Orange Bowl prevented the Huskers from a 12-0 sweep and immortality. Naturally any team that just lost a Mike Rozier, an Irving Fryar and a Dean Steinkuhler (all first-round pro draft choices) plus a Turner Gill, has to do a bit of rebuilding, but as you have known they still have great players.

So many great players that you have to

COWBOYS MELT IN THE SPOTLIGHT?

The Cowboys are coming into focus as a top talent for a share of the Big Eight's limelight. Even the opposition is touting OSU as a prime time contender.

ask yourself if the Cowboys, whom the Huskers have outscored 200-34 over the last five seasons, made up that much ground?

Furthermore, have the Pokes gained that much on the Oklahoma Sooners, their cross-state rivals who have won seven straight games in the series?

I mean let's get serious here.

You have to ask yourself if any team, regardless of what team it is, can make up that much ground in just one year, expecially when it has to play both the Big Reds on the road?

As the curtain lifts on the '84 season, though, the question very much on the mind of Big Eight fans, and Tom Osborne, is can Oklahoma State really overthrow Nebraska's power and Oklahoma's tradition now, especially now, after undergoing a coaching change?

"Perhaps the fact that I've come in as head coach will change some people's thinking about Oklahoma State," said Pat Jones, who replaced Jimmy Johnson in June. "But as far as this team is concerned, nothing else has changed. We're still going to be the same team."

No one can forecast how a football squad (any squad), will react when a change is made in the head coach. But the Cowboys did everything possible to make the transition smooth when in a matter of two days Jones was moved up from his post as assistant head coach to head coach when the popular Johnson took the unenviable assignment at national-champion Miami. The Cowboys acted swiftly, They acted decisively. They acted as one.

"Nothing I've seen in a very long time has united Oklahoma State fans like the naming of Pat Jones," said Oklahoma State athletic director Myron Roderick, who cited a "ground swell" of support for Jones as the major reason the decision was made so quickly.

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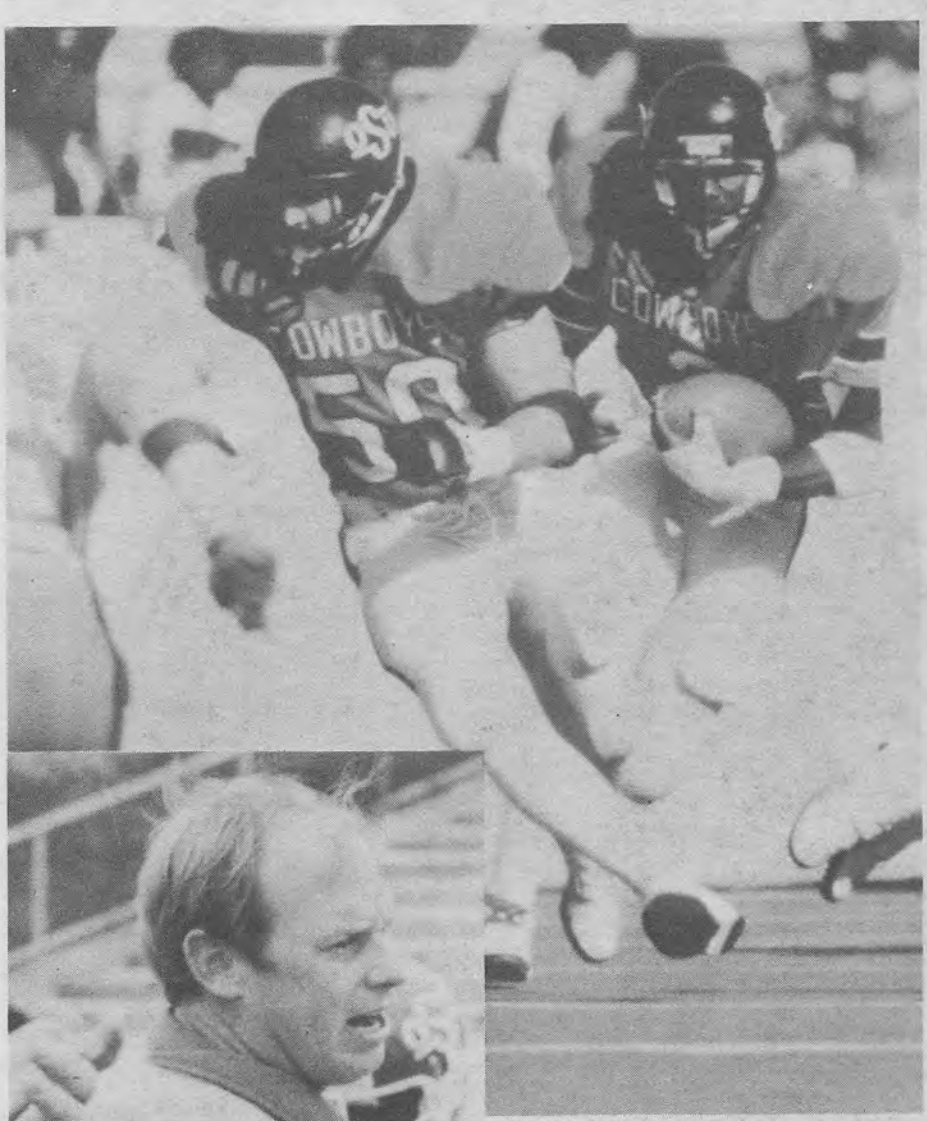
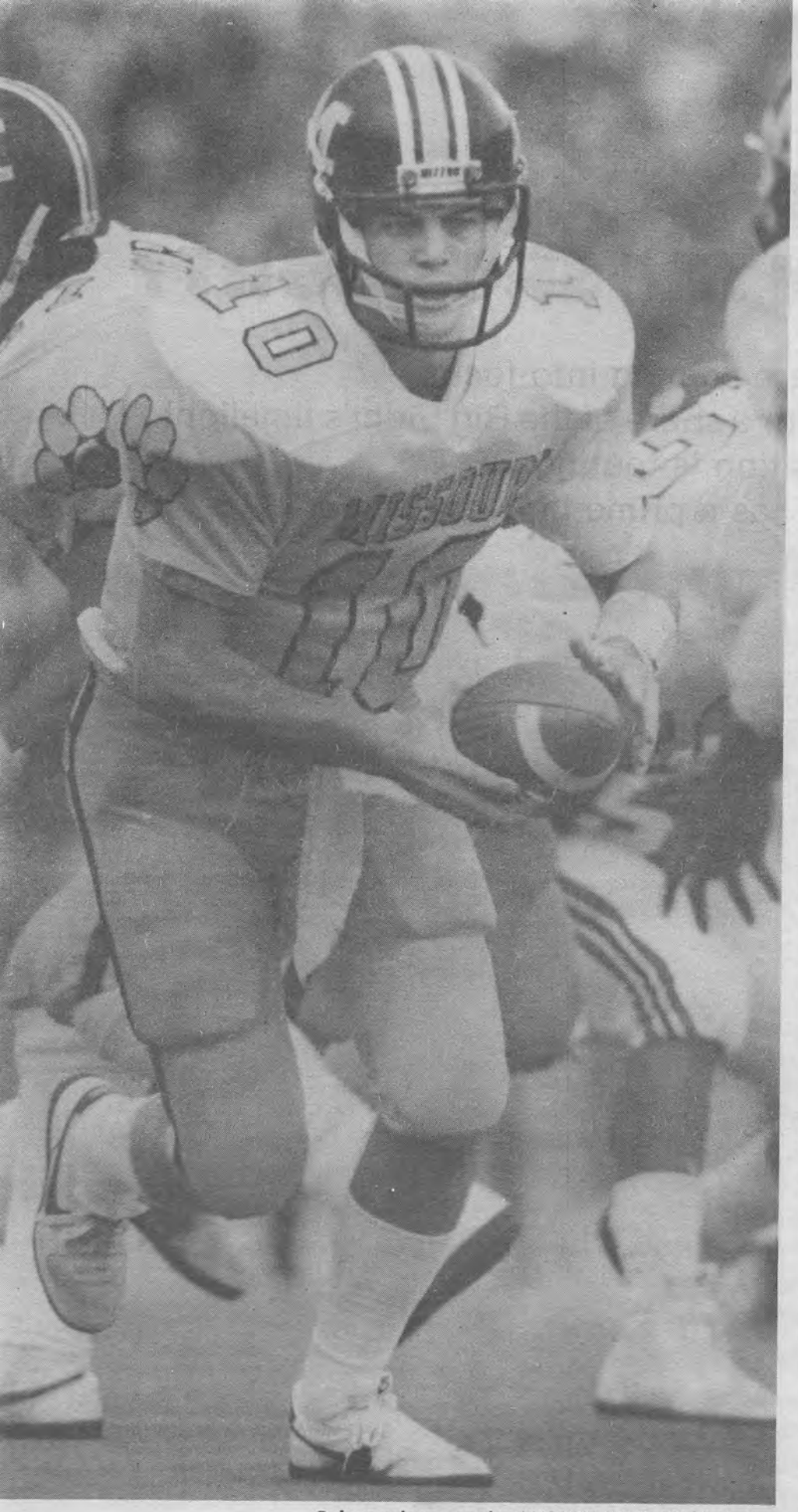


KEN ZACHARY (2) fastest player in the league comin' through, while RALPH PARTIDA (50) opens the way.

PAT JONES, new head coach.



Only experience promises MARLON ADLER (10) his starting position. That says a lot for No. 2 quarterback Seitz.

By JIM BAER,
St. Louis Suburban Newspapers

LET'S FACE IT, you really can't live in the past. Football teams do not have the opportunity to replay any particular game. Sure, it would be interesting to pull out the Stratomatic game and relive a historic battle, but that's about as close as one can get. The record books are unchangeable. But just suppose a team had a chance to turn back the hands of time. If they had the opportunity, the Missouri Tigers could nullify some of the biggest snafus of 1983.

A muffed punt, an errant pass, a bad snap—just a handful of mistakes kept Missouri from an outstanding season. The bottom line is that several games were fumbled away. In a season filled with promise, the Tigers stumbled home with a 7-5 record after losing the Holiday Bowl to Brigham Young. Still, they were just a few breaks away from a Top 20 or even a Top 10 finish. Three national football services have ranked Mizzou in the Top 20 this coming fall even with Notre Dame and Illinois on the schedule. Some could say a major bowl was within their grasp.

Sure enough, the Tigers showed some of that potential during the season. Right from the start, the Tigers stunned the Rose Bowl committee by routing Illinois 28-18. The Illini finished as the Big 10's representative at the Rose Bowl. Later on, Missouri notched a 10-0 whitewashing of Oklahoma at Faurot Field Nov. 5.

But just as often, the Tigers betrayed that potential. Tailback Ron Floyd dropped a pair of third-quarter punts in a Sept. 17 game at Madison, Wisc. One drop is converted directly into a touchdown, and the Tigers lose 21-20 to the Badgers. Eric Drain is stopped on a fourth-and-inches situation at Nebraska's goal line in a game in Columbia Oct. 15, then Marlon Adler drops center Phil Greenfield's snap and turned the ball over at the Cornhusker one late in the third quarter. Instead of tying Nebraska 20-all, the Tigers lose 34-13. With less than four minutes left in the Holiday

ORANGE FEVER

The Tigers haven't roared like this since 1969. With the best Q-Back, the best defensive line and all that school pride and enthusiasm Missouri could rise to the top.

Bowl, BYU quarterback Steve Young is first sacked near his own goal line, then fires a 53-yard pass on a broken play, setting up a bizzare 14-yard flea flicker TD to win the game, 21-17. Situations like these drive coaches batty.

It's possible to add two, maybe three victories to the 1983 total. That would mean 9-3 or maybe 10-2. Better yet, a win over Nebraska would have meant a co-share of the Big Eight Conference title, something which has not been achieved since 1969. But spare the tears for Missouri coaches and fans. They think the best is yet to come. There's no one in Columbia looking back to last year.

Can you believe, the Tigers are talking about spending a holiday in Miami? Orange Bowl fever is not just something to scoff at. No lip service this time, they are taking the matter seriously. After all, Missouri tied for second in the Big Eight with Oklahoma at 5-2-0. The Tigers put in their fifth bowl appearance in six years. Warren Powers was tabbed AP Coach of the Year. The team features a quarterback (Marlon Adler) with an average of 170 yards offense per game and a kicker (Brad Burditt) who nailed 31 of 33 extra points and 11 of 15 field goals. In addition, Powers will welcome back a half-dozen all Big Eight performers. Best yet, they have a fearsome interior line that could challenge the best in the nation. Defense obviously is where championships are won—or lost.

Teams are going to have a tough time running through, around or over mammoth 275-pound tackle Michael Scott, 264-pound tackle Robert Curry and 255-pound nose guard Steve Leshe. Defensive coordinator Mark Heydorff says there's none better than his defensive line. "We feel like (Michael) Scott could be our Secretariat, he's that good." And to think, Scott did not end up No. 1 on the end-of-the-season depth chart. He was displaced by senior Pat Burns, a 1982 junior college transfer. The backups are

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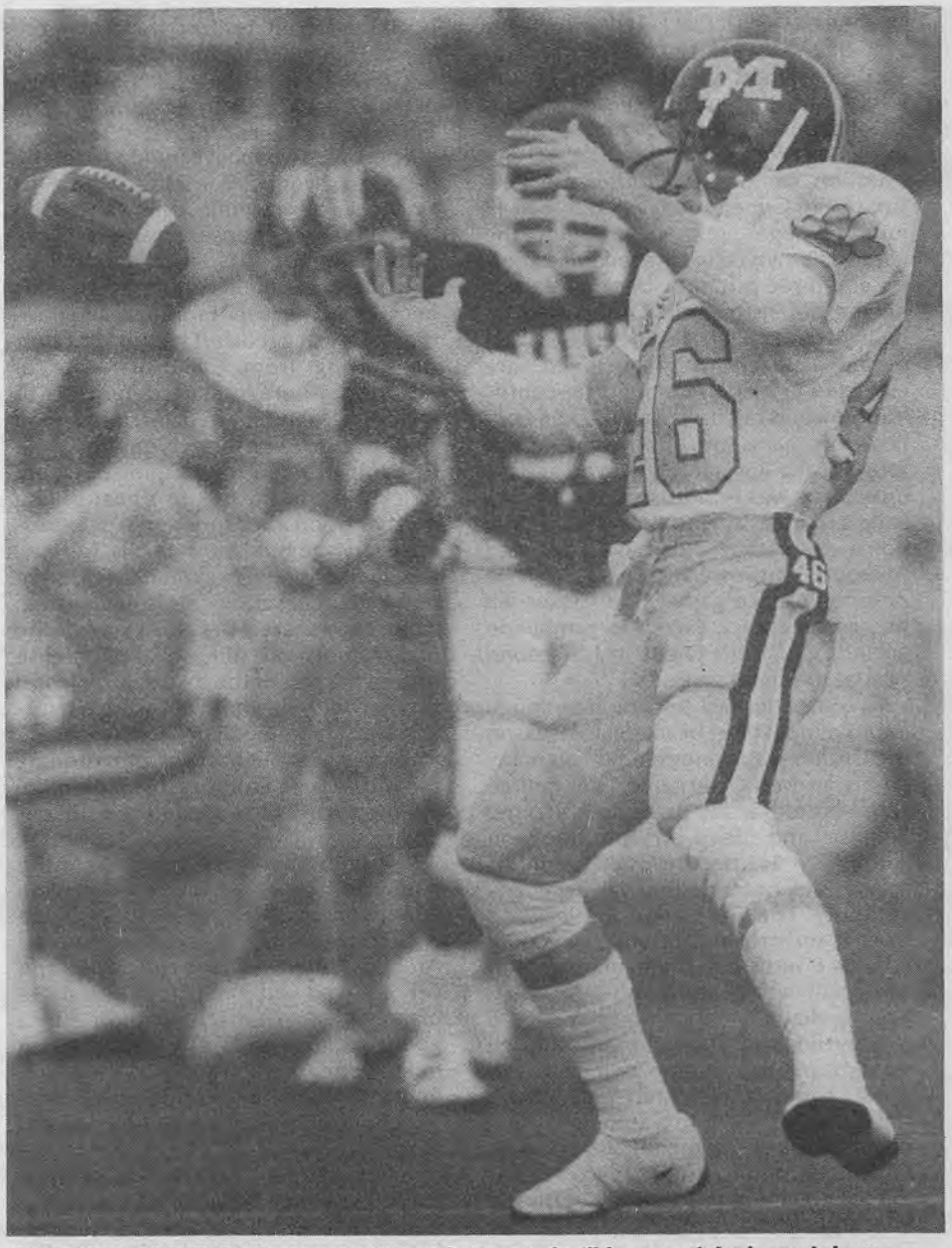

GEORGE SHORTHOSE (46) converted RB with 4.4 speed will be one of the league's best.

"...BETTER OVERALL"

Last year's surprises plus reinforcements from the Juco ranks add to the optimism of the Cyclones this season.

By BUCK TURNBULL, *Des Moines Register*

YOU MIGHT CALL THIS the "Year of the Great Unknown" in Iowa State football. Seldom have the Cyclones had so many question marks. They are loaded with new players slated to fill key roles, some of whom weren't even on campus for spring practice. Coach Jim Criner and his staff signed 15 junior-college recruits during the winter, six arrived for the second semester and three promptly became starters on the defensive unit. Others such as highly-touted Derrick Sperling, a 232-pound tailback with 4.4 speed, are expected to make an immediate contribution when fall drills begin. That's not how top teams are built in leagues as tough as the Big Eight, however, and it's difficult to wax enthusiastic about Iowa State's chances against the likes of Oklahoma, Nebraska, Oklahoma State and Missouri, plus Iowa and Texas A & M in non-conference games. But Criner felt he had no choice except to gamble on an influx of fresh talent in his second year at the helm.

Two statistics will tell you how much improvement must be made. Last season the Cyclones surrendered far too many points, an even 35 per game. They ranked at the bottom of the Big Eight in scoring defense and deep in the dungeon nationally—103rd to be exact. Secondly, they could not run the ball with any authority. They also were the league's worst team in rushing offense, averaging only 94.6 yards per game, and it got to the point where third-and-one was a passing down.

They did throw the ball with authority, though, and that was the saving grace in a 4-7 season. David Archer's accurate right arm led them to a somewhat surprising 3-4 Big Eight record and a tie with Oklahoma State for fourth place. Archer topped the conference in total offense. The target for many of his passes, flanker Tracy Henderson, set league marks with 16 catches in one game, 81 for the season and 1,051 yards. Archer has graduated but Henderson returns for two more years. Thus while tightening the defense is Criner's biggest overall project, replacing Archer is the number one individual concern.

There are two main candidates for the quarterback job, Alan Hood and Alex Espinoza, and spring drills concluded with little to choose between them. Hood, a junior, was redshirted in 1982 and then saw limited duty as Archer's backup last season. Espinoza, a sophomore, sat out a redshirt year in 1983 after transferring from California State of Fullerton, where he started six games as a freshman and passed for more than 1,000 yards. Almost everyone assumed that the strong-armed Espinoza would quickly lay claim to the signal-calling position soon after spring practice started. Everyone but Hood, that is. Instead, the two battled neck-and-neck right down to the spring intrasquad game, when they shared the No. 1 spot as the first-teamers on offense and defense routed the rest of the squad, 62-3. Hood finished with the more impressive statistics. He completed 13 of 27 passes for 232 yards and two touchdowns, plus running for one score. Espinoza hit nine of 26 attempts for 147 yards and one touchdown.

"I haven't been disappointed in the work of Espinoza," said Criner, who admittedly was among those who thought Alex was the favorite to succed Archer. "But I've been surprised and very pleased with the play of Hood. He made the quarterback position into a good battle. Alan is throwing the ball much better than he did a year ago, and he's also exhibiting good leadership."

Although Espinoza is considered the better thrower and Hood the better scrambler, Criner said he won't alternate them to take advantage of their different skills. "We will have a No. 1 quarterback," said Criner, "And we'll make that determination about 10 days into fall drills. I don't believe in using a two-quarterback system. "In order to have a cohesive offense, you must have good leadership, and the quarterback is your leader. He needs to have confidence in himself and from his teammates, and I don't think you get that by using two quarterbacks." The players may have already made that determination. In the spring they elected Hood as one of their co-captains.

Sperling headed the list of junior college recruits after rushing for 1,100 yards and 14 touchdowns at Scottsdale Community College in Arizona last season. He was just what Criner sought to beef up the Cyclone attack, possessing a fullback's size and a sprinter's speed. Sperling could not enroll for the second semester, however, needing additional junior college credits to become eligible for transfer. Meanwhile, junior Al Watson was impressive as the starting tailback in spring drills, running for a game-high 91 yards and three touchdowns in the intrasquad windup. "Knowing Derrick Sperling will be here has made me work a little harder," admitted Watson, who doesn't intend to relinquish his job without a scrap. Sperling was his team's most valuable player in both junior college and high school. After earning prep All-America honors at St. John the Baptist in West Islip, N. Y., he originally signed with Arizona State but didn't play any games there.

The Cyclones made one important personnel switch in the spring, moving veteran Tommy Davis from tailback, where he was the starter last fall, to the fullback post left vacant by the departure of Jason Jacobs. "Tommy's running ability and general style of play are much more suited to fullback than tailback," explained Criner.

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TOMMY DAVIS (22) moved to fullback, can be extremely dangerous in that position, which was formerly held by Jason Jacobs.

DAMIEN JOHNSON (68) KSU's All Big Eight tackle adds to the beef on the offensive line.

YOU CAN POINT IN MANY DIRECTIONS as to why Kansas State's 1983 season was a bummer.

You can blame the offense because the Wildcats were last in the Big Eight in total offense (309.3 yards per game) and putting points on the board (16.9). Three different quarterbacks started games as the coaching staff groped to uncover offensive punch.

You can blame the defense because the Wildcats yielded 408.2 yards and 31.2 points per game. Even the best athlete on the team, Reggie Singletary, didn't live up to his press clippings.

You can even say it was the coaching. Head man Jim Dickey admitted all was not well internally when he switched offensive and defensive coordinators in midseason, and then made three changes in his staff when it was over.

You probably wouldn't be wrong in selecting all of the above—plus not playing as well at home as previous clubs in the Dickey regime—for Kansas State falling back in the conference cellar (1-6 in the league, 3-8 overall) after going to its first bowl game ever in 1982.

After analyzing what happened, Dickey has written the prescription that he hopes will cure the ills that afflicted the Wildcats in 1983.

Perhaps the most important medicine is that Dickey will, in effect, be his own defensive coordinator this season. He went through spring practice without assigning anyone that responsibility, Remember that Dickey, on his way up the coaching ladder, worked on the defensive side of the ball at Houston, Oklahoma State, Oklahoma, Kansas and North Carolina.

"I have been a little involved in the defense from time to time, but now I'm going to spend a lot of time with the defense," he says. "That's why I hired a young guy (Sherwood Taylor from the Oklahoma staff), who wouldn't be offended. There's not going to be anything defensively, from techniques to coverages, that I don't know about. I've

ASSIGNMENT: DEFENSE

K-State's Jim Dickey has decided to take over the defensive reins himself to prove to the Big Eight that the Underdog is Meaner than most might think.

By BOB HENTZEN, *Topeka Capital-Journal*

had experience in changing defenses without changing responsibilities. I want to get into a more complex package without changing an individual's responsibilities."

Dickey obviously feels that a better defense will result in a better offense. "Like I thought Frank Seurer, of Kansas, had a heckuva year last year," he explains. "KU should have won more games with a quarterback like that. But when Iowa State was coming back on KU (for a 38-35 victory), Seurer was standing over on the sideline because the defense couldn't stop them. That's a helpless feeling.

"I remember the great shootout game when I was at Oklahoma. We had a receiver named Johnny Harrison, who caught something like eight passes that day, including one for a touchdown that put us ahead 31-28. I remember walking off the field with Galen Hall (another OU aide) after Nebraska beat us (35-31) and we were talking about that if the defense had held, we'd be reading tomorrow about John Harrison's great game."

Dickey doesn't feel that Singletary, now in the USFL at Detroit, is the player who'll be missed the most in 1984. "Reggie didn't play his senior year like he did his junior year," he says. "The guy we lost who'll be hard to replace is L. E. Madison (at end)."

K-State received a bonus when an NCAA eligibility ruling gave another year to senior nose guard Mark Newton, a 6-2, 270-pounder, who bench presses a team-leading 470 pounds. "It's a blessing to get him back," says Dickey, who'll back Newton with touted sophomore Curtis Hughes (6-2, 295). "Curtis wound up having a good spring," says Dickey. "If we could only make him mad on every play . . . he has worlds of ability."

Hughes was one of four true freshmen in and out of the starting defensive unit last season. Big Eight newcomer of the year Les Miller, 6-7 and 280, is ticketed to start at one tackle; Grady Newton, Mark's little brother, at an end; and Jeff Hurd, 6-2, 232, 4.8 speed, at linebacker. "We have youth there," says Dickey, "but we've got good players on defense. I feel good about the front seven. They give us a good anchor. Our linebackers and ends are quicker than what we've had."

The defensive leader is senior linebacker Bob Daniels (6-3, 238, 4.65), who Dickey describes as "a helluva player." Injury redshirt Stu Peters also will play a lot, if not start, at linebacker. Fifth-year senior tackle Kyle Clawson (6-4, 235, 4.75) and junior end Greg Strahm (6-3, 220, 4.6) are the other projected regulars up front.

The secondary, as shaky as the rest of the defense last season, welcomes back free safety Barton Hundley. "A premier player," says Dickey of Hundley, who was a scholastic casualty last season. Hard-hitting Jack Epps returns at strong safety and the cornerbacks, both with 4.6 speed, loom as veteran Nelson Nickerson and redshirt freshman Brad Lambert, a walkon surprise. "He's the biggest story on the team, really a good find," says Dickey of Lambert's spring showing.

On the offensive side, Kansas State probably has its best experience, talent and depth ever, although two players you've heard about, all-Big Eight receiver Mike Wallace and tailback Iosefatu Faraimo, are question marks.

Wallace is in the doghouse because of work habits in the offseason program and academics. "The whole factor if he comes back is based on grades," says Dickey. Faraimo, who had impressive high school credentials in California, has been injured and/or overweight most of his K-State career.

There's heavy competition for the tailback job. Junior Greg Dageforde (6-2, 202, 4.65) was the Big Eight's sixth most productive rusher last season with 677 yards. Redshirt freshman Tony Jordan (6-2, 205 and the fastest Cat with 4.35 speed) is an exciting prospect. Holdovers James Ricketts, Carlos Adams and Maurice Pearl also are in the fight for playing time. And reporting in August, if his grades are in order, will be John Kendrick, the nation's second-leading junior college runner.

"We've got some ability at that position, if they can get cranked up on Saturday," says Dickey, who was not satisfied with the situation after spring ball. "I was disappointed that not one of them jumped up and said, 'I'm going to be it,'" Dickey relates. "I'm disappointed we didn't have anybody go nuts out there and show they wanted the job. I'm thinking a little of (fullback) Charlie Crawford back there this fall."

Dickey, intrigued by Jordan's size and speed, admits that maybe he stacked the deck against the New Jersey product in the spring. "We hit more than we ever have, and Tony was going against the No. 1 defense most of the time. He's got ability, but he needs to go out and have some success."

Fullback also is a deep position, if Crawford doesn't move to tailback. Walkon Lemuel James ("He always looks better than we give him credit for," says Dickey) and spring find Rick Lewis, a 220-pounder with 4.8 speed, are the top candidates.

There's no doubt, unlike last year, about the quarterback position. Stan Weber is the man. With Weber at the controls the last four games, K-State's scoring average jumped from 13.1 to 23.5, rushing yardage from 154 to 268, total yardage from 268 to 379 and third-down conversion rate from 25 percent to 64 percent. He engineered the lone conference victory, the 21-20 stunner at Oklahoma State. "He's one of our captains," says Dickey. "The kids have got confidence in him and I've got confidence in him. I don't think there's any question we will be much better on offense. Stan can do all the things, play-action passes and option plays, as well as anybody."

Dickey isn't ready to concede it was a monumental blunder to go with senior

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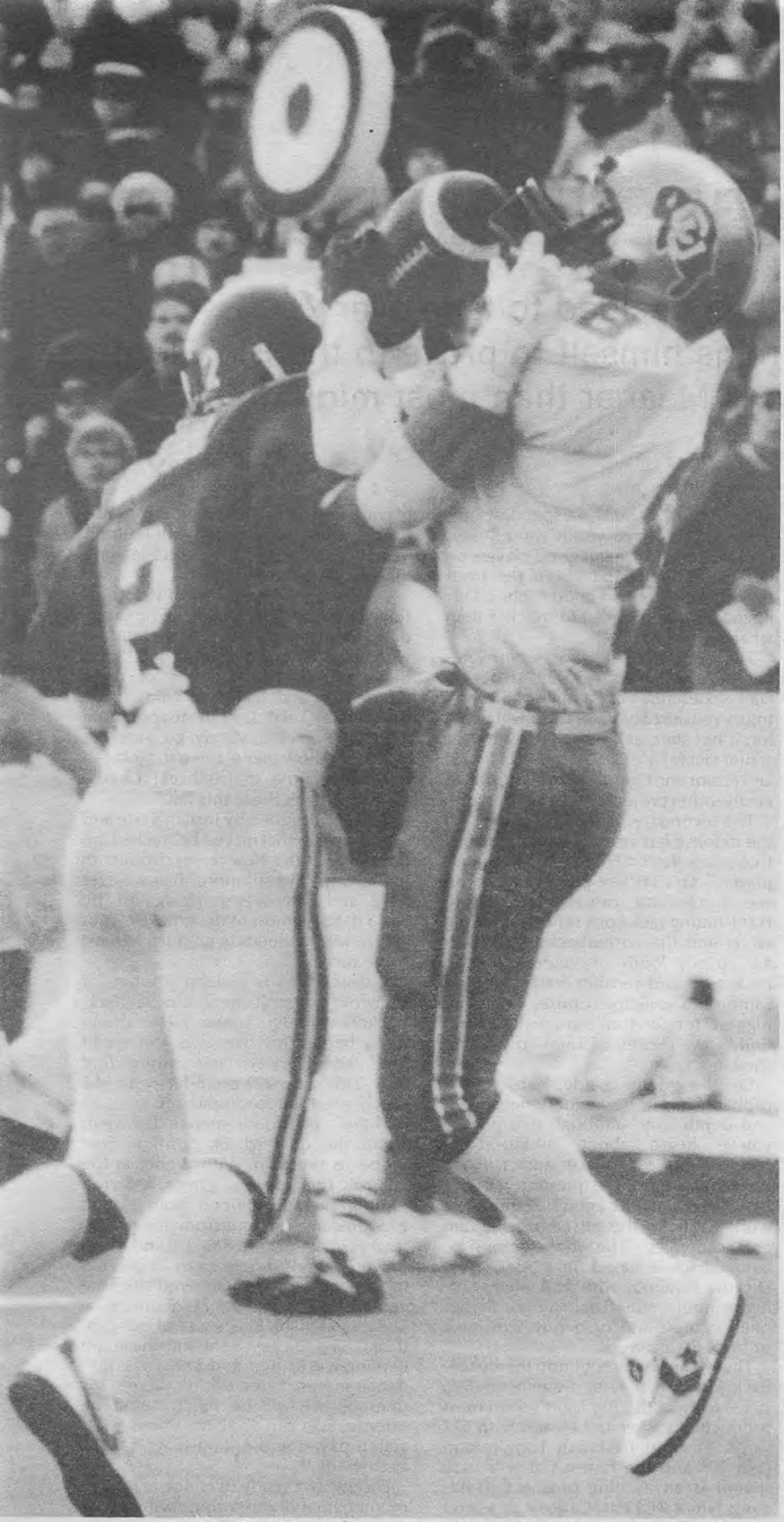

RON BROWN (8) showing why he's one of the best receivers in CU history.

WHEN EDDIE CROWDER STEPPED DOWN as University of Colorado football coach a decade ago, associate athletic director Fred Casotti said ruefully, "The fans around here will never again have 10 years of football as good as the 'Chief' gave 'em."

Now a decade later, with Crowder (63-37-2 and five bowls in his last nine years as coach) abdicating as athletic director, too, Casotti the prophet, unfortunately for Buff followers, looks good.

As Colorado begins its second decade of Football without Crowder, the Buffs are still searching for the winning ways. There isn't a student on the Boulder campus who has seen a winning Colorado team. Two classes have come and gone without the thrill of watching a winner. The last time Colorado had a winning season, 6-5-0 in 1978, the coach (Bill Mallory) was fired. The numbers since then are numbing—3-8, 1-10, 3-8, 2-8-1 and 4-7.

A 6-5-0 season would look good now, but it may be too much to ask from Bill McCartney, in the third year of a slow, painstaking rebuilding program. McCartney, the upbeat man from Michigan, remains optimistic. "We'll be better than you think," he insists. "We will be improved."

But McCartney can be realistic, too. Defensively: "In the secondary we're going to be young, but we're going to be much better than anybody thinks. We're gonna be better in the defensive line. Maybe what everybody thought would be a weakness won't be at all. At inside linebacker, we lost Barry Remington in the second game, and had to struggle all year with two guys who had never played the position. We shouldn't have to do that again."

Offensively: "We're no longer in the predicament of having to move guys around. We're not where we want to be, but in another year we will be. Our receivers are experienced. We have experience at quarterback. But in the interior, our line, from tackle-to-tackle,

BUFF BUILDING

Colorado's calves will charge ahead. However, it is unlikely they will effect a major stampede this year.

By **DAN CREEDON,** *Boulder Camera*

some young guys are going to have to come through."

There are hints, even from McCartney, that there is still too much rebuilding to do to expect much from CU this year. As he struggled home 2-5 in the Big Eight last fall, McCartney conceded the Buffs might be in over their head this year if they had to play their young offensive tackles immediately; that help was needed from the junior college ranks.

But, if CU lined up and played today, redshirt freshmen Pat Ryan and Tim Harper would start at the offensive tackles, a concession from the coach that he is taking the long range look.

Secondly, McCartney admits he is looking from the incoming freshman class for, (a) speed to give the offense a dimension only wide-out Ron Brown, an ex-I back provides and, (b) a spark at quarterback. "We have some speed coming in here, and we have a couple of young quarterbacks we're going to look long and hard at in the early going," McCartney says.

It isn't going to be easy early to break in newcomers. In the non-league season, the Buffs plays two bowl winners, UCLA and Notre Dame, plus Michigan State and Oregon.

McCartney is still trying to rid himself of the discipline problems left over from the Chuck Fairbanks era. He wound up spring practice in a full-blown splat with wide receiver Loy Alexander, one of his top players last year and a holdover from the previous coaching regime. Alexander quit the CU team on the eve of what was to be a very lackluster 14-12 Varsity win over the Alumni in the Buffs' spring game. A few days later he was begging to be reinstated. McCartney initially vowed Alexander wouldn't be back, but later indicated he would reconsider.

McCartney and Alexander allegedly exchanged words during a major scrimmage 72 hours before the Varsity-Alumni game, and then were involved in a brief shoving match. "You can't worry about these things," McCartney said.

SOLOMON 'NICKLEBACK' WILCOTS (29) nabs an interception.

"We're close right now to closing in on the type of program it takes to compete with the type of people we play. I'm not going to water-down discipline or sacrifice anything in terms of what it takes to get there. I think everybody knows that."

McCartney watchers say Alexander will be in the starting lineup in September, left to fret over his status all summer by Bo Schembechler's former top aide at Michigan. "It's McCartney's style," said one CU source. "He did the same thing with Calvin Beaty (nose tackle) last fall after he quit. He wouldn't let him come back immediately. In fact, he didn't re-instate him until just before spring ball. He'll let Alexander dangle the same way." Beaty is one of three players unavailable last fall who

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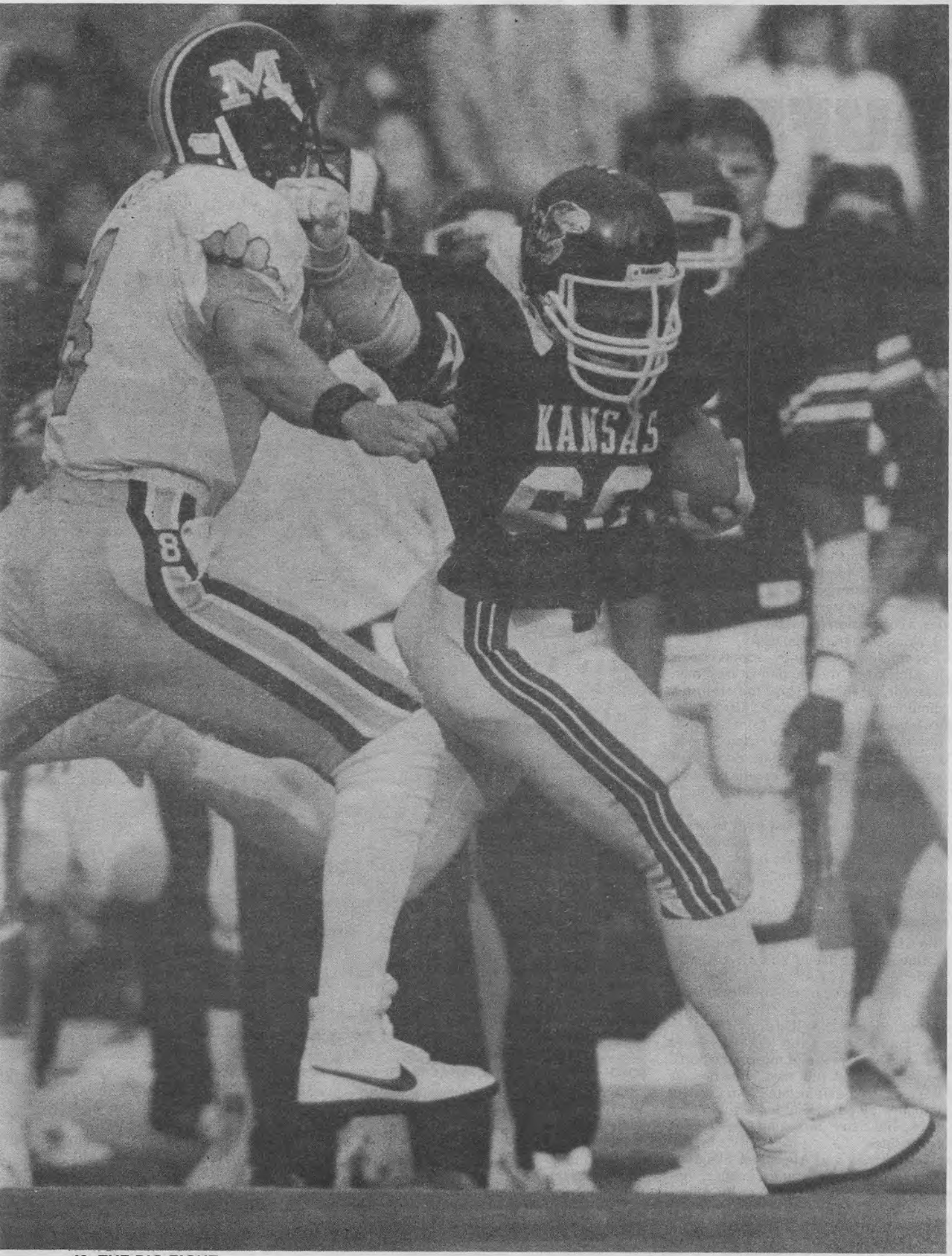
KANSAS

JAYHAWKS TO FLY NORTH BY NORSETH

Rebuilding and refurbishing a fledgling team with fingers crossed, Gottfried is still trying his wings in the air.

By **CHUCK WOODLING,** *Lawrence Journal-World*

IF MIKE GOTTFRIED IS SMART, SOME SAY, he'll mail in the scores—by air, of course—of each Kansas football game this fall.

Why not? After all, the Jayhawks are on NCAA probation of no television and no bowl game, and they have just five home games and their record-setting aerial offense has been decimated and their defense, horrid in '83, doesn't look to be improved and on and on and on.

Yep, Gottfried has heard all the talk, that his second season as Kansas head coach is a throwaway year. Better look to 1985, Mike. Mail in the scores and don't show up.

On the other hand, Gottfried is not that kind of guy. Everyone, he figures, is seeing the forest, but not the trees. Hey, football is a fun game. It's for the players and they wouldn't be out there if they didn't like to play.

"Everybody talks about no television, no bowl game, no incentives and all that," Gottfried stressed. "But it's a 60-minute game and it's not the accessories that go along with it — the TV, the bowls and all that. It's still a game."

You guessed it. Despite everything, Kansas will show up for 11 games this fall and—who knows?—more than one team might wish it had received a postcard from Lawrence with a score on it.

One thing Gottfried puts up front, however, about the '84 season. "We will," he emphasized, "definitely take on an underdog role."

Most of the hand-wringing about KU centers around how the offense was almost totally wiped out. Only three starters return: center Bennie Simecka, tight end Sylvester Byrd and tailback Robert Mimbs.

Gone is quarterback Frank Seurer, the school's all-time passing leader. Goodbye to Bob Johnson, who caught a single season school record 58 passes in '83. Adios, too, to Bruce Kallmeyer, another record-holder, Big Eight and NCAA, who was the first placekicker selected in the NFL draft.

Seurer's replacement is, of course, the key to 1984. When a coach is committed to the aerial game like Gottfried is, he'd better have a quarterback who can throw. Enter Mike Norseth, a transfer from Snow College in Ephraim, Utah.

Does that school sound familiar? It should. That's the same junior college that produced former Iowa State quarterback Dave Archer, the only Big Eight passer who had better stats than Seurer did last season. Furthermore, the head coach at Snow College is Walt Criner. Yep, he's a brother of ISU head man Jim Criner. So now you're wondering why Norseth, who threw for more than 3,000 yards last season, decided to succeed Seurer instead of Archer.

Well, it's basically because of a fellow named Mike Sheppard. When Sheppard was an aide at Idaho State, he was the only college coach who showed any interest at all in Norseth while the 6-3, 205-pounder was a senior at Crescenta Valley High in La Crescenta, Calif. Sheppard, in fact, steered Norseth to Snow College. Last season, Sheppard was KU's quarterback coach and he worked hard on Norseth, knowing Seurer's eligibility would be running out.

"Coach Sheppard and coach Gottfried did a super job of recruiting me," Norseth pointed out. "They were very honest with me (about the probation). It's such a great program here with such great coaches. Kansas had everything going for it."

No doubt about it. Norseth wanted Sheppard to be his college coach. Unfortunately, just two weeks after Norseth signed with KU, Sheppard was named head coach at Long Beach State. "I guess I was a little upset at the time," Norseth confessed. "I was really looking forward to playing for him."

Norseth obviously shook off the despair because he won the starting job during the spring, beating out sophomore Mike Orth and redshirt soph Tom Quick. Orth, who looms as Norseth's eventual successor, will probably be redshirted this fall. "It's a great feeling to be No. 1 after spring ball," the native Californian said. "Right now, team success is more important to me than a bowl game or being on TV."

Who Norseth's primary target will be remains to be seen. With Johnson gone, junior Richard Estell (22 catches in '83) looms as the heir apparent, but Sandy McGee (20 grabs) may have something to say about that. On the other hand, McGee was one of five players Gottfried would not allow to work out in the spring because of academic deficiences.

Skip Peete, a transfer from Arizona U. who sat out last year, moved into the void created by McGee's forced absence. Meanwhile, some question existed at tight end where Byrd, a two-year starter, was talking about redshirting this season. A few other upper-

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Linebacker WILLIE PLESS (60) the defensive leader of KU, stiffarms for himself after an interception.

Gallery of Legends

These permanent members of *The Big Eight* Hall of Fame represent selections since 1975.

Byron (Whizzer) White
COLORADO

Paul Christman
MISSOURI

Bob Fenimore
OKLAHOMA STATE

Billy Vessels
OKLAHOMA

Ray Evans
KANSAS

Bobby Reynolds
NEBRASKA

Ed Weir
NEBRASKA

Gale Sayers
KANSAS

Jim Weatherall
OKLAHOMA

Tommy McDonald
OKLAHOMA

Guy Chamberlain
NEBRASKA

Bob Steuber
MISSOURI

George Sauer
NEBRASKA

Ed Bock
IOWA STATE

Sam Francis
NEBRASKA

Paul (Buddy) Burris
OKLAHOMA

Joe Roming
COLORADO

John Hadl
KANSAS

Jerry Tubbs
OKLAHOMA

Darold Jenkins
MISSOURI

Veryl Switzer
KANSAS STATE

Tom Catlin
OKLAHOMA

Bob Brown
NEBRASKA

Wade Walker
OKLAHOMA

Tom Novak
NEBRASKA

Walt Garrison
OKLAHOMA STATE

Otto Schnellbacher
KANSAS

Darrell Royal
OKLAHOMA

Dick Anderson
COLORADO

J. D. Roberts
OKLAHOMA

Johnny Roland
MISSOURI

Dick Soergel
OKLAHOMA STATE

Roger Wehrli
MISSOURI

Wayne Meylan
NEBRASKA

Jimmy Harris
OKLAHOMA

Clendon Thomas
OKLAHOMA

Mike Montler
COLORADO

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Steve Owens
OKLAHOMA

Bobby Anderson
COLORADO

John Zook
KANSAS

Tom Vaughn
IOWA STATE

Lynn Dickey
KANSAS STATE

Jon Kolb
OKLAHOMA STATE

Ralph Neeley
OKLAHOMA

Elmer Hackney
KANSAS STATE

Bob Harrison
OKLAHOMA

Lloyd Cardwell
NEBRASKA

Neill Armstrong
OKLAHOMA STATE

Leon Heath
OKLAHOMA

Jack Mildren
OKLAHOMA

Herb Orvis
COLORADO

Mel Gray
MISSOURI

Johnny Rodgers
NEBRASKA

Greg Pruitt
OKLAHOMA

Rich Glover
NEBRASKA

John Riggins
KANSAS

Hall of Fame

Players named to the Big Eight Hall of Fame in order by position, including University represented, years lettered and year named to the Hall of Fame (in parenthesis)

ENDS/RECEIVERS

GUY CHAMBERLAIN, (RB), NU	1914-15	(1976)
OTTO SCHNELLBACHER, KU	1945-47	(1977)
JOHN ZOOK*, KU	1966-68	(1980)
NEILL ARMSTRONG, OSU	1943-46	(1981)
HERB ORVIS*, CU	1969-71	(1982)
MEL GRAY**, MU	1968-70	(1982)
JOHNNY ROGERS**, NU	1971-72	(1983)

TACKLES

ED WEIR, NU	1922-25	(1975)
JIM WEATHERALL, OU	1949-51	(1975)
WADE WALKER, OU	1946-49	(1977)
MIKE MONTLER**, CU	1967-68	(1979)
RALPH NEELEY**, OU	1962-64	(1981)

GUARDS

ED BOCK, ISU	1936-38	(1976)
JOE ROMIG, CU	1959-61	(1976)
PAUL (BUDDY) BURRIS, OU	1946-48	(1976)
BOB BROWN, NU	1962-64	(1977)
J.D. ROBERTS, OU	1946-49	(1978)
RICH GLOVER, NU	1971-72	(1983)

CENTERS

JERRY TUBBS, OU	1954-56	(1976)
TOM CATLIN, OU	1950-52	(1977)
TOM NOVAK, (RB), NU	1947-49	(1977)
JON KOLB, OSU	1966-68	(1980)

QUARTERBACKS

PAUL CHRISTMAN, MU	1938-40	(1975)
JOHN HADL, KU	1959-61	(1976)
DARRELL ROYAL, (RB), OU	1939-41	(1978)
JIMMY HARRIS, OU	1954-56	(1979)
DICK SOERGEL, OSU	1957-59	(1979)
JACK MILDREN, OU	1969-71	(1982)
LYNN DICKEY, KSU	1968-70	(1982)

LINEBACKERS

DAROLD JENKINS, (C), MU	1939-41	(1977)
BOB HARRISON, OU	1956-58	(1981)

NOSEGUARDS

WAYNE MEYLAN, NU	1965-67	(1979)

DEFENSIVE BACKS

DICK ANDERSON, CU	1966-68	(1978)
ROGER WEHRLI, MU	1965-68	(1979)

RUNNING BACKS (Includes Tailbacks)

BYRON (WHIZZER) WHITE#, CU	1935-37	(1975)
BOB FENIMORE, OSU	1943-46	(1975)
TOMMY McDONALD, OU	1954-56	(1975)
BILLY VESSELS, OU	1950-52	(1975)
GALE SAYERS, KU	1962-64	(1975)
RAY EVANS, KU	1941-42 1946-47	(1975)
BOBBY REYNOLDS, NU	1948-50	(1975)
GEORGE SAUER, NU	1931-33	(1976)
BOB STEUBER, MU	1940-42	(1976)
SAM FRANCIS, NU	1934-36	(1976)
VERYL SWITZER, KSU	1947-49	(1977)
TOMMY WATKINS, ISU	1958-60	(1977)
WALT GARRISON, OSU	1963-65	(1977)
JOHNNY ROLAND, MU	1962-65	(1978)
CLENDON THOMAS, OU	1955-57	(1979)
STEVE OWEN, OU	1966-69	(1980)
BOBBY ANDERSON, CU	1967-69	(1980)
TOM VAUGHN, ISU	1962-64	(1980)
LEON HEATH, OU	1948-50	(1981)
LLOYD CARDWELL, NU	1934-36	(1981)
ELMER HACKNEY, KSU	1936-38	(1981)
JOHN RIGGINS, KU	1968-70	(1983)
GREG PRUITT, OU	1971-72	(1983)

* Defensive Specialist
**Offensive Specialist
#First player named to the Big Eight Hall of Fame.

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combined with his quickness helped make him the best nose guard in the country.

But that build made buying a suit tough when he chose Oklahoma over Colorado, his number two choice. "...because I knew my parents wanted to see me play and that meant being close to home.

"I took a size 52 coat and had a 32-inch waist so I couldn't find a suit matching those measurements. So I just got a pair of pants and a coat that matched fairly close."

That combination of strength, quickness and personal qualities combined to make him a legend in his own time at a school full of football legends.

Lucious encountered two disappointments soon after his career at Oklahoma began. First Coach Chuck Fairbanks, whose staff had recruited him departed for the New England Patriots. This disappointment was quickly tempered by the naming of Barry Switzer as head coach. Then came the two-year NCAA probation slapped on the Sooners for recruiting indiscretions, which meant two years Selmon wouldn't be playing in a bowl game.

"I was disappointed when I first heard there would be no bowls," he said. "I had always hoped to go to the Orange Bowl once. But after I sat down and thought about it, I realized they hadn't taken away my desire to win. Winning is reward enough."

Selmon had another bitter disappointment when Oklahoma lost that epic 35-31 national championship battle to Nebraska in 1971 when Lucious was a sophomore.

"Nobody who played in that game will ever forget it but I don't remember it the same way as some of the others because it was a defeat," he said. "Both teams had very explosive offenses and we had opportunities to win. But we just couldn't stop Nebraska's offense.

"The '71 team was the best offensive team we had while I was there. But the 1973 team was twice as strong defensively." And since defense was Selmon's forte, he likes to remember the '73 team most fondly.

When it was all over, Lucious' accomplishment sheet read like this: 1973 Sooner captain (one of four); AP and UPI All-Big Eight in 1972 and 1973; voted Big Eight top defensive player; Big Eight Athlete of the Year for 1973-74 school year; picked on AP, UPI, Kodak, Football Writers Association, Family Weekly Magazine, Universal Sports of Toronto and Walter Camp All-America teams; Miami Touchdown Club's College player of the Year in 1973; finalist for the Vic Lombardi award; second place in the Outland Award; Chevrolet Defensive Player of the Year in 1973; seventh in balloting for the Heisman trophy; outstanding defensive player in the Hula Bowl; played in the Senior Bowl.

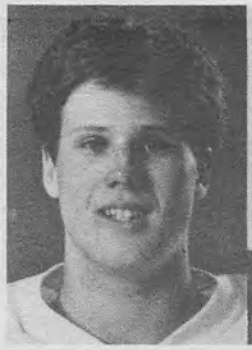
But with all of these credentials, Selmon was only the 399th pick (by the New England Patriots) out of a possible 442. The only reason: Lucious was only 5-11 and the pros simply consider that too short to be a defensive lineman.

Selmon knew that was going to be the case so he wasn't overly disappointed. "You can't be disappointed when you expect something like this," he said at the time. "I've strictly had my mind set on playing in the Canadian League (with Toronto) or the World League (with Memphis) all along."

He chose Memphis and was there for a season and a half when the league folded. Oklahoma still wanted him, though, and he joined Barry Switzer's staff in 1976 and he's still there, doing a bangup job.

"I accepted the pros' opinion that I wasn't the measurements they wanted," Selmon said. "Now I'm coaching all the way and I hope to be a head coach some day."

So the football world has not seen the last of this year's Big Eight Hall of Fame selectees by any means. Branch says Raiders' owner Al Davis has promised him a scouting job when his playing days are over. And Selmon plans to continue in coaching indefinitely. Only Blair is likely to be out of football when he hangs 'em up with the Vikings.



MIKE ORTH KU

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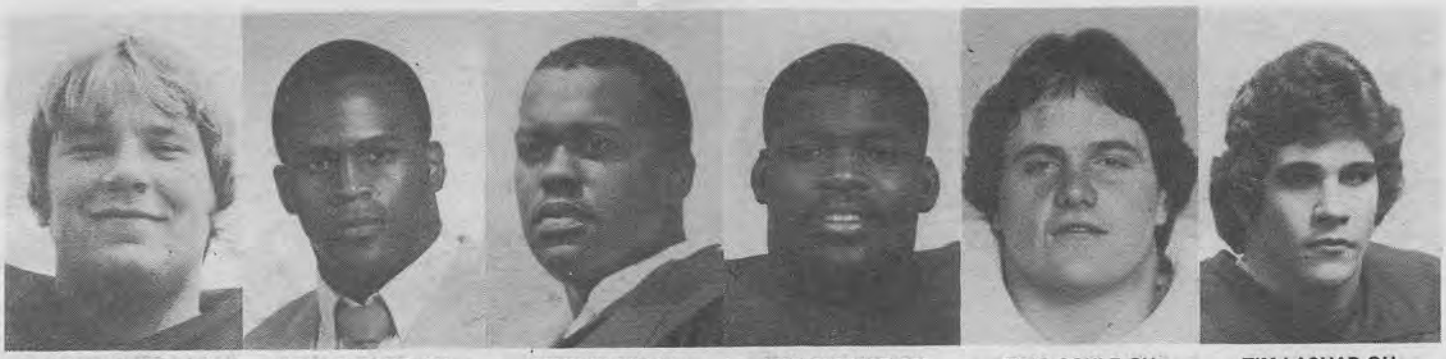

SCOTT BRANDT ISU | STAN PARKER NU | JOHN CLAY MU | JEFF PICKETT OU | ERIC COYLE CU | TIM LASHAR OU

SOPHOMORE SHOWCASE

By **RANDY YORK,** *Lincoln Journal and Star*

GO AHEAD, CALL 1984 "The year of the Great Sophomore Running Back" in the Big 8 Conference. Big Eight Magazine's Sophomore Showcase Team includes two great running backs from Oklahoma, Spencer Tillman and Earl Johnson, and one great running back from Oklahoma State, Charles Crawford. But the strength of the team may best be reflected by who isn't on it. Nebraska's Doug DuBose is another great sophomore running back. NU Athletic Director Bob Devaney says DuBose is one of the best sophomore running backs he's ever seen in Lincoln. Tom Osborne, the Huskers' head coach, considers DuBose a can't miss All-Big Eight back of the future. In any normal year, the 5-11, 185 pound native of Uncasville, Conn., would be a headliner on the Sophomore Showcase team.

1984 isn't a normal year. Oklahoma's sophomore sensations are already proven performers in a rugged league. Tillman and Johnson almost have to be sold in the same package of dynamite. Like love and marriage you can't have one without the other.

"It's almost tit for tat. I'd hate to separate the two," said Merv Johnson, Oklahoma's assistant head coach. "They're not in any way alike. But they're both excellent backs."

Indeed, Tillman was the Associated Press choice for 1983 Big Eight Newcomer of the Year. Johnson was United Press International's choice for the same honor. Each made second team all conference. Tillman, 5-11 and 205, rushed for 1,047 yards to rank second in the conference behind Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier of Nebraska. Johnson, 5-11 and 200, rushed for 945 yards in 10 games to rank fourth in the conference behind Rozier, Tillman and Shawn Jones, the All-Big Eight fill-in for Ernest Anderson, Oklahoma State's preseason All-American. Tillman averaged 5.6 yards a carry. Johnson averaged 6.4. Tillman ranked 21st nationally in rushing. Johnson ranked 27th. Together, they rushed for 1,992 yards and 18 touchdowns.

"Earl's a slasher with the most speed," observed Merv Johnson. "Spencer has more maneuverability and cutting ability. He's also a better blocker and a better receiver."

Tillman, the author of dramatic 39 and 18-yard touchdowns against Nebraska, finished the spring as OU's No. 1 tailback. Johnson, the glorified backup, could play some fullback. Both Tillman and Johnson were members of Marcus Dupree's recruiting class, a fact which might have deterred running backs with less resolve.

"I knew Oklahoma had a tradition of playing a lot of running backs. I didn't figure one guy would do all the running here," said Johnson, a Dallas native who was asked to redshirt his freshman year.

Tillman, a Tulsa native, made his own decision to redshirt as a freshman, primarily to avoid what happened to Dupree. "Marcus let the media control him more than he controlled himself," Tillman said. "He wasn't able to cope. I didn't envy Marcus' situation. There was a lot of pressure he wasn't able to handle

Running back rocket SPENCER TILLMAN (34) makes it look easy as he glides in for the touchdown.

MARC MUNFORD NU DARNELL WILLIAMS KU LES MILLER KSU MICHAEL SCOTT MU CHRIS SPACHMAN NU BARRY REMINGTON CU

SOPHOMORE SHOWCASE

OFFENSE

QB	**Mike Orth,** 6-5, 195	KU
FB	**Earl Johnson,** 5-11, 200	OU
RB	**Charles Crawford,** 6-2, 230	OSU
RB	**Spencer Tillman,** 5-11, 205	OU
WR	**Malcolm Lewis,** 6-3, 215	OSU
TE	**Ed Reinhardt,** 6-5, 225	CU
OL	**John Clay,** 6-5, 280	MU
OL	**Stan Parker,** 6-4, 260	NU
OL	**Scott Brandt,** 6-5, 270	ISU
OL	**Jeff Pickett,** 6-1, 270	OU
C	**Eric Coyle,** 6-2, 253	CU
K	**Tim Lashar,** 5-9, 168	OU

DEFENSE

OLB	**Marc Munford,** 6-2, 225	NU
OLB	**Darnell Williams,** 6-3, 215	KU
DL	**Les Miller,** 6-6, 280	KSU
DL	**Michael Scott,** 6-5, 277	MU
DL	**Chris Spachman,** 6-4, 265	NU
ILB	**Barry Remington,** 6-3, 219	CU
ILB	**Kevin Parsons,** 6-2, 230	NU
CB	**Mark Moore,** 6-0, 185	OSU
CB	**Danny Harris,** 6-0, 180	ISU
SAF	**Anthony Frazier,** 6-3, 198	MU
SAF	**Derek Berry,** 6-2, 190	KU
P	**Darren Atyia,** 6-0, 190	OU

and it created a lot of dissension." Tillman benefitted from his Oklahoma arrival with less fanfare than Dupree.

Crawford benefitted from his Oklahoma State arrival with less fanfare than Tillman. Crawford, 6-2, 230 and blessed with :04.5 speed in the 40, left Bristow, Okla., for Stillwater the same time Tillman was packing his bags for Norman. He, too, redshirted as a freshman and remained a well kept 1983 secret when the Cowboys went with Jones for the injured Anderson. Although Jones used his opportunity to earn All-Big Eight honors, he's no lock to beat out Kenny Zachary or Crawford this fall.

"Crawford could be the starting tailback," offered OSU Coach Pat Jones. "I don't know which of the three will start. But all three will play."

Crawford, who can catch the ball like a wide receiver despite his size, isn't likely to outperform Tillman this fall, but he may be a better pro prospect in the future. OSU insiders are convinced that Charles Crawford is the best running back in Stillwater since Terry Miller ... better than Ernest Anderson and better than Shawn Jones, who missed most of the spring contact work "because we pretty well know what he can do," Jones said. Crawford seized the opportunity to embellish his worth as a tailback. "He was projected as a tight end, a linebacker, a fullback or a tailback," Jones said. "We tried him at fullback a year ago and that didn't work out. He runs a lot better with the ball under his arms." Crawford oozes with potential, but he may not be the most explosive sophomore on the Cowboy team.

That honor probably would go to Malcolm Lewis, OSU's fleet 6-3, 215-pound starting wide receiver. Lewis ran a :10.4 in the 100 meters at Marion Christian High School in Houston. "He was one of the top 15 players in Texas," Jones said. "He's really an outstanding player." It took Lewis three games to break into the starting lineup as a first-year freshman. "He really came on strong," Jones said. "If I had to pick the top two receivers in the Big Eight, I'd go with Malcolm Lewis and Jamie Harris." Jones considers his top two receivers every bit the equal of Oklahoma's Buster Rhymes and Iowa State's Tracy Henderson. Lewis, also the Cowboys' No. 1 punt returner, caught 21 passes for 363 yards and one touchdown last year. He also caught a touchdown pass and a two-point conversion pass in OSU's 24-14 Bluebonnet Bowl win over Baylor. Lewis earned the wide receiver position on the Sophomore Showcase over two other players with electrifying possibilities—Oklahoma wide receiver Derrick Shepard and Nebraska wingback Von Sheppard.

The quarterback position on the Sophomore Showcase was a tossup between Mike Orth of Kansas and Alex Espinoza of Iowa State. Orth rated a slight edge, but that edge would be difficult to argue in a courtroom.

Orth, a 6-5, 195 pounder from Liberal, Kan., is the heir-apparent to the record-setting Frank Seurer. Espinoza, a 6-½, 192-pound transfer, is expected to succeed the record-setting David Archer.

"We wanted to redshirt Orth as a freshman," explained Kansas Coach Mike Gottfried. "But when Frank hurt a knee, we had to play him against Oklahoma State."

He also played against Colorado and Nebraska, completing 4 of 5 passes, including one for a touchdown, against the Huskers. Orth finished the spring "neck and neck" with Mike Norseth, a transfer who passed for more than 4,000 yards at Snow, Utah, Junior College.

"We plan to redshirt one of the two," Gottfried said. "Which one it is, who knows? They'll just have to come back and fight it out in the fall."

Orth, a 3.8 student in civil engineering, completed 10 of 22 passes for 150 yards to lead the White team to a 23-22 win in KU's spring game. He passed one touchdown and ran for another. In a spring scrimmage at Kansas City's Arrowhead Stadium, he completed 19 of 30 passes for 180 yards.

"He's a fine passing quarterback with deceiving speed to get away from the rush," Gottfried said. "He has good composure and does what we do well. I really feel by the time he's a senior, he'll be a top draft choice. The only thing Norseth has over him is experience."

Espinoza offers similar promise at Iowa State. The former Cal State/Fullerton starter redshirted last year and waged a spirited battle with Alan Hood during the spring.

"Alex has a stronger arm than David Archer, but doesn't read coverages as well," Cyclone Coach Jim Criner said. "Alex can genuinely throw the football. He has good arm speed and a good touch, long and short. He had an excellent spring. We're just delaying the decision on who starts until two-a-days."

The same could be said about the Colorado tight end position where Ed Reinhardt, 6-5 and 230, edged teammate Jon Embree, 6-3 and 210, for the spot on the Sophomore Showcase. After starting against Nebraska and Oklahoma State as

KEVIN PARSONS NU MARK MOORE OSU DANNY HARRIS ISU ANTHONY FRAZIER MU DEREK BERRY KU DARREN ATYIA OU

a freshman, Embree was No. 1 heading into spring practice. Some considered him a better pass receiver than departing All Big Eight teammate Dave Hestera.

But Reinhardt, one of three CU freshmen to letter, finished spring practice with a slight edge on Embree, who caught 12 passes for 193 yards and one touchdown last year, Reinhardt didn't catch a pass in 1983, but he led Buff receivers all spring. CU coaches are convinced that with Reinhardt and Embree, they're set at tight end for the next three years.

Every member of the Sophomore Showcase offensive line is destined to start next season with one exception—Stan Parker, the 6-4, 260-pound offensive guard from Nebraska. At Nebraska, sophomore starters in the offensive line are rarities. Dean Steinkuhler, the 1983 Outland and Lombardi Trophy winner, didn't even start as a sophomore.

But it's no disgrace. Parker is expected to play and play well and if he polishes the tools he has, he's a star in that unknown galaxy of the future. "This spring, he finally started to play some football," said Clete Fischer, NU's veteran offensive line coach. "We always knew he could run and get to where he was supposed to go. Now, he's staying with the blocks and finishing them off. Parker, the nation's second best high school discus thrower in 1982 began his career as a 235-pound tight end. "He's put on 25 pounds now and hasn't lost any speed," Fisher said. "He ran a :04.88 electronic 40 (that converts to a :04.68 handheld time). He's one of the fastest linemen we've ever had. He has all the basic talent. The rest is all desire."

Talent and desire are already packaged in other members of Sophomore Showcase offensive line that includes center Eric Coyle of Colorado, guards Jeff Pickett of Oklahoma and Scott Brandt of Iowa State and tackle John Clay of Missouri.

Clay, 6-5 and 280, "is the most physical blocker I've ever seen," offered Missouri Defensive Coordinator Mark Heydorff. "Nebraska's had some great physical guards and he's that kind. He's got a knack of coming off the ball low and hard and putting you on your back. He's so massive and has such quick feet. He's already a man and he'll get better."

Pickett, 6-1 and 270, "is short and unusually built," admits Merv Johnson, his coach. "He's a stump, but he has good strength and good speed. He can bench 440 pounds and run a :04.9 40."

Last season, neither Johnson nor OU Head Coach Barry Switzer were enamored about starting Pickett five games as a freshman. "It was a shame we had to throw him in there so quickly," Johnson said. "But he's a competitor. He responded. Because of his physical strength and physical structure, he's a strong blocker at the point of attack. He'll line up with about anybody and block about anybody. He can get under and gain leverage on taller guys and run well enough to pull. He does a good job of protecting the passer. No matter how big or how strong the guy is across from him, Jeff has a chance to neutralize him. Obviously, the pros would like a taller player for pass protection, but it doesn't matter in college. His size is no liability at all. He's a future All-Big Eighter."

Coyle, 6-2 and 253, is a repeat selection on the Sophomore Showcase team. He's an outstanding prospect who missed all but one game last season with a knee injury. After starting the last four games of his freshman season, he entered 1983 as the No. 1 guard. Now, he's back at center and the Buff coaching staff is convinced he gives the position quality.

Despite being 6-5 and 270, Iowa State's Brandt runs a :05.0 in the 40. Even though he broke a bone in his hand, "he ended up playing the last four ball games for us and there was no dropoff when Scott Nelson got hurt," Criner said. "Bubba does a very good job on pass protection. He's a good run blocker and he pulls well. He finished the spring as No. 1 on the depth chart. We are expecting him to play well as a sophomore."

The offense is populated with quality players, but the Sophomore Showcase defense isn't hurting either. It's loaded with quality athletes and the best one on the whole team may be Danny Harris, the 6-0, 180-pound cornerback from Iowa State.

A case could be made for Harris's being the best overall athlete in the Big Eight Conference. In May, he was voted the outstanding performer in the Big Eight track meet after breaking his own junior world record in the 400 intermediate hurdles (:49.16) and winning the 400 meters (:45.3) by almost a second. "He's a better hurdler than Edwin Moses was at his age," said Bill Bergan, the coach for ISU's Big Eight championship track team.

"Danny Harris could end up being a No. 1 draft pick before it's all over," added Criner. "Besides having all that speed, he's a nasty kid. He'll mix it up. He's tough, hard-nosed and enjoys the game."

"You have to have tenacity, expecially to play defense," offered Harris, also the Cyclones' punt and kick return specialist. "I knew I wasn't big enough to play tailback in the Big Eight," admitted Harris, a former all-CIF tailback at Perris, Calif. "I thought about playing receiver. But to me, it's easier to stick a receiver than catch the ball." Harris considers it a simple case of survival. "The big guys...they go for you. So I just try to go for them first," he said.

Joining Harris in the Sophomore Showcase secondary are Oklahoma State cornerback Mark Moore and safeties Anthony Frazier of Missouri and Derek Berry of Kansas. Moore, 6-0, 185, edged a talented teammate, Demise Williams, 6-2, 207, for the honor.

"They'll both play this fall," promised OSU Coach Pat Jones.

"Moore's the guy who knocked the ball loose from Mike Rozier on the goal line," Jones recalled. "He makes the big plays. He'll knock the ball down, recover a fumble or cause a fumble. But Williams is fighting him for the starting position. He looks like an all-pro and this spring, he started to play like one. He had our defensive staff so excited, they were watering at the mouth."

While KU's Berry (6-2, 190) is a proven safety, Missouri's Frazier (6-3, 198) is merely a promising one.

"Athletically, he has all the tools. He just hasn't gotten his nose dirty yet. He hasn't tackled a Big Eight running back," Heydorff said of Frazier, a 4.0 student

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from Springfield, Mo. "He's not real physical yet," Heydorff added. "But he has great size, great speed (:04.5 in the 40) and tremendous drive on the football. He has a 38-inch vertical jump. We think he can be a great one."

Berry, blessed with :04.6 speed in the 40, is destined for the same status. "He started as a true freshman, but didn't play like one," Gottfried said. "He plays very hard and very aggressively. In the last game against Missouri, he separated his shoulder and still played. He's the type of kid we've got to continue to recruit to be the team we want to be."

Gottfried puts Berry in the same category with teammate Darnell Williams, who joins Nebraska's Marc Munford and Kevin Parsons and Colorado's Barry Remington as the four linebackers on this year's Sophomore Showcase team.

Williams, 6-3, 215 and :04.65 in the 40, was the Big Eight's second leading tackler as a freshman. He finished the season with 152. "I've been coaching 19 years and he's got a chance to be one of the best linebackers I've ever coached," Gottfried said of Williams. "He has the size and the speed to go sideline to sideline. He's still in a learning stage. But in time, he'll dominate. If he continues to improve, he has a good chance to play beyond the college level.

Like teammate Coyle, Colorado's Remington is a repeat selection on the Sophomore Showcase team. An injury also spoiled his chances for a spectacular sophomore season. He missed all but two games of the 1983 season after undergoing knee surgery. The signals for greatness, though, are there. Remington finished his freshman season with a 15-tackle performance against Kansas State and had 38 tackles in his first two games as a sophomore before receiving a hardship ruling from the Big Eight.

Nebraska has equally great expectations for its brace of sophomore linebackers—Munford, a native of Littleton, Colo., and Parsons, a native of Springfield, Mo. Both are preparing for unique assignments as true sophomores. At Nebraska, linebackers are redshirted with the same frequency as offensive linemen. "The competition in the spring was as fierce as it's been in a long, long time," said John Melton, NU's veteran linebacker coach. "It was fierce because of the way those young kids came along."

Munford, 6-2, 225 and :04.52 in the 40, overtook 1983 starter Mark Daum during spring drills. Parsons, 6-2 and 230, will begin fall camp as the No. 2 linebacker on the strong side. Although Parsons was impressive all spring, reconstructive knee surgery to All-Big Eight senior Mike Knox moved him even more prominently into the linebacker picture.

Munford appears destined for All-Big Eight status. "He could be even better than that," said Knox. "I wish I had his speed."

"Both Munford and Parsons fly to the football," Melton said. "We're expecting them to play well."

Even though the secondary and linebackers are loaded with talented players, the interior line may be the strength of the Sophomore Showcase defense. All three defensive linemen—Kansas State's 6-6, 280-pound Les Miller, Missouri's 6-5, 277-pound Michael Scott and Nebraska's 6-4, 265-pound Chris Spachman—have the ability for future All-America consideration.

Miller was AP's choice as the Big Eight Defensive Newcomer of the Year. A knee injury affected his early progress, but he finished strongly as a starter in K-State's last three games. He finished the season with 26 tackles, including 10 solos and three behind the line of scrimmage. He led the team, breaking up five passes, and recovered a fumble.

"At down lineman, he's got more potential than just about anybody I've ever been around," K-State Coach Jim Dickey said of Miller. "He gets after it in practice, too. We've been able to recruit some good players. But in terms of raw ability, speed and quickness, he is probably one of the best K-State has ever seen."

Scott fits into the same category at Missouri. "He's physically untapped and potentially unlimited," said Mizzou Defensive Coordinator Mark Heydorff. "He's so big, so strong and so fast (:04.8 in the 40). He could be just as good as he wants to be." Scott started the last seven games as a freshman. Heydorff said he had a "great game" against Oklahoma. "He was just learning," Heydorff said. "His pass rush is one area he really wants to improve. He was better in the spring and we hope he's even better this fall."

Spachman, a native of Kansas City, Kan., had an exceptional spring, impressing coaches and teammates with his attitude, technique, strength (365-pound bench press) and quickness (:04.85 in the 40). He insists the seeds were planted last Jan. 2 when he was a redshirt, sitting in the Orange Bowl and watching the Huskers lose the national championship, 31-30, to Miami.

"I knew there was a good possibility of my starting," Spachman said. "I decided I was going to be the No. 1 defensive left tackle at the outset. I feel real good about myself. It's a combination of strength and confidence."

Both kickers on the Sophomore Showcase team are from Oklahoma—Darren Atyia, a 6-0, 190-pound punter from Seminole, Okla., and Tim Lasher, a 5-9, 168-pound walk-on kicker from Plano, Texas. Atyia, one of three OU freshmen who did not redshirt, did what he was supposed to do—deliver high, booming punts in return for a scholarship. Lashar is a walkon whose story would warm the hearts of even a Nebraska fan. One August afternoon, Lashar was fooling around, kicking the ball with his father at Owen Field. Leon Cross, OU's associate athletic director, was jogging at the same time. Cross asked Lashar if he thought about walking on and contacted Merv Johnson, the Sooners' kicking coach. Barry Switzer decided to hold a kicking contest to see who would travel with the team to Stanford and Lashar survived the competition one day after practice.

When he booted a 47-yard field goal in the final minute-and-a-half to beat Oklahoma State, 21-20, Lashar went from total obscurity to state-wide headlines. He finished the season, converting 32 of 33 extra points and kicking 6 of 15 field goals. OU coaches thought he kicked so much, he got leg weary. Now that he knows what he's in for, they don't expect the same problem this season.

FRESHMAN HARVEST

By **AL ESCHBACH,** *Oklahoma City*

THE MEMORIES ARE SWEET, BIG EIGHT CONFERENCE FANS will always remember the year 1971. It was a season in which Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado ranked one-two-three in the nation.

Colorado fans, in particular, will look back to the days. They were the good, old moments when coach Eddie Crowder would saddle up his coaches and come home with a recruiting bounty that would make rivals envious. And why not go to school in Boulder? The town is beautiful, and there was tradition—you stay at CU for four years and then head to the National Football League.

Things changed quickly. Crowder was pressured into becoming a full-time athletic director. Bill Mallory and Chuck Fairbanks didn't win a lot of friends in the state. Academic standards shy-rocketed. Not only was it tough getting players in Colorado, it was difficult keeping them eligible. The Buffs were hitting a new low. Recruiting was somewhere on skid-row.

Gradually things have started to turn. Bill McCartney has brought credibility back. Everyone likes the man. The Buffs are now trying to turn those stiff academics requirements into advantages, and you could notice the results this past winter when high school players were signing letters of intent. Some of the top athletes are heading into Boulder.

What else went on in the Big Eight? Well, all the national recruiting services said Oklahoma had the best year in the conference and Nebraska was second, but the other schools were wearing big smiles. Oklahoma State pulled one of the biggest national coups when it got the best running back in Texas—Thurman Thomas. This sent shock-waves through the Southwest Conference. Missouri coach Warren Powers has been criticized for allowing other teams to enter Missouri and leave with the best talent. That welcome mat has been yanked. Kansas, Iowa State and Kansas State were looking for immediate help. They hit the junior college ranks hard. Oklahoma got just about everything it wanted in its own state and then pulled raids in Arkansas and Colorado that gave the Sooners one of the top years recruiting nationally. Nebraska was upset when stories circulated that Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier was helped by willing families during his stay in Lincoln. Rozier later denied the stories, but the damage was done. The Huskers lost out on a couple of highly sought recruits because of the bad publicity. They did come in late with a couple of key players to finish with their share of blue-chippers.

The best player coming into the conference? You won't get any of the schools to agree on that one. But you could have strong arguments for such players as Thurman Thomas, (Oklahoma State), Willie Griffin (Nebraska), Keith Jackson (Oklahoma), Mark Hatcher (Colorado), Steve Vandegrift (Missouri), Lydell Carr (Oklahoma) and Tyresse Knox (Nebraska).

For the most part the Big Eight schools were able to keep visitors away from its home grown talent. Colorado lost the best player in its state, linebacker Doug Kline to UCLA. Kansas and Kansas State watched Rodney Peete, one of the premier quarterbacks in the country, graduate from Shawnee Mission South and head to USC. Those were exceptions. In most cases the best talent stayed around home.

Let's go back and look at the Colorado situation. The Buffs raised the eyebrows of more than a few folks when they went into California and came home with quarterback Mark Hatcher of Pasadena, split end Jo Jo Collins of Pomona and running back Anthony Weatherspoon of Lahambra.

"All three will play as freshmen," says recruiting coordinator Sam Sample. "We worked hard in California. We assigned four coaches to recruit the state. This is the hardest we've worked California since the days of Eddie Crowder. We think Hatcher was the best quarterback in that state. We won him over USC, UCLA and Nebraska."

The 6-1, 170 pound Hatcher completed 108 of 188 passes for 27 touchdowns and 2,093 yards as a senior. He used his 4.4 speed in the 40 to rush for 432 yards. Scouts who watched him play compare him to someone named Turner Gill. A player Hatcher should be throwing to quite a bit during his career is Collins, a 6-1, 180 pound speed merchant. All that Collins did as a senior was latch onto 59 passes for 1,458 yards and 10 TD's. His high school coach, Oliver Lucas, compares him to former USC great Lynn Swann, And Weatherspoon is a big, bruising back. "He's a guy who can run over you or run away from you," says Sample.

What has changed at Colorado? "We're using our academics to our advantage. We're selling the prospects on the idea of getting an education at an excellent school. And we've rebuilt a lot of burnt bridges. Things have changed. In fact, this year we didn't lose anyone to Nebraska. We even got two players from their state. That had to help."

Hatcher is the quarterback on the Big Eight Magazine's annual Freshman Harvest team. Let's take a look at some of the other members of the team.

The backfield is star-studded. Thurman Thomas was on every All-American team. Lydell Carr was on many and was considered by most to be one of the top five big backs in the nation. And Tyreese Knox was definitely one of the top backs in talent-rich California.

The Thomas story has a fairy-tale ending for Oklahoma State. No one knew for sure where he was going to school because he kept everyone guessing. But no recruiting expert would have ever said OSU was going to be the winner. Most thought Texas A&M would be smiling when he signed a letter of intent.

"It was hard to get a reading on Thurman," said Texas A&M recruiting coordinator Jerry Pettibone. "He just kept everyone guessing and everyone thought they were going to get him because of what he was telling all of the schools. He's a great athlete. He may even be a better defensive back than a running back."

The Cowboys are going to add him to their already deep list of talented running backs. This 5-11, 185 pounder from Willowridge, Tex. rushed for 1,556 yards as a senior, despite missing three games with an ankle injury. As a junior he had 1,573 yards. He is the most highly recruited running back signed by OSU since they landed Terry Miller from Colorado Springs, Colo.

Oklahoma thinks it got something better than Thomas in Carr. "You would have to say Carr is one of the top five running backs in the country," said recruiting coordinator Scott Hill. "We thought he was a better prospect than

Hughes Suffren
IOWA STATE

Thurman Thomas
OKLAHOMA STATE

Mike Wolfe
OKLAHOMA STATE

Anthony Phillips
OKLAHOMA

Mark Hutson
OKLAHOMA

FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

SE	**JO JO COLLINS,** 6-1, 180, Pomona, CA	**Colorado**
L	**GARY BENNETT,** 6-3, 250, Evergreen, CO	**Oklahoma**
L	**CHUCK TABOR,** 6-5, 290, Charlotte (Independence) NC	**Missouri**
L	**MARK HUTSON,** 6-3, 270, Fort Smith (North Side) AR	**Oklahoma**
L	**MIKE WOLFE,** 6-4, 235, Miami, OK	**Oklahoma State**
L	**JIM OEHM,** 6-3, 225, Marysville, KS	**Kansas State**
TE	**KEITH JACKSON,** 6-3, 235, Little Rock (Parkview) AR	**Oklahoma**
QB	**MARK HATCHER,** 6-3, 175, Pasadena (Muir) CA	**Colorado**
RB	**THURMAN THOMAS,** 5-11, 185, Missouri City (Willowridge) TX	**Okla. St.**
RB	**LYDELL CARR,** 6-2, 205, Enid, OK	**Oklahoma**
RB	**TYREESE KNOX,** 6-0, 200, Daly, CA	**Nebraska**
WB	**LORENZO HICKS,** 6-1, 180, Kansas City (Southeast) KS	**Nebraska**

DEFENSE

DE	**WILLIE GRIFFIN,** 6-4, 230, Monrovia, CA	**Nebraska**
T	**ANTHONY PHILLIPS,** 6-3, 255, Jenks, OK	**Oklahoma**
NG	**RICHARD DAVIS,** 6-2, 255, Jenks, OK	**Oklahoma**
T	**MIKE PLOESSER,** 6-4, 235, St. Louis (Vianney) MO	**Missouri**
DE	**TODD MILLIKAN,** 6-3, 215, Shenandoah, IA	**Nebraska**
LB	**RICKY SHAW,** 6-4, 225, Fayetteville (Douglass Byrd) NC	**Oklahoma State**
LB	**STEVE VANDEGRIFT,** 6-4, 225, Grandview (Ruskin) MO	**Missouri**
LB	**DON DeLUZIO,** 6-3, 210, Arvada (Pomona) CO	**Colorado**
DB	**BRIAN WASHINGTON,** 6-2, 205, Highland, VA	**Nebraska**
DB	**MIKE ROGERS,** 6-2, 190, Smith Center, KS	**Kansas**
DB	**HUGHES SUFFREN,** 6-3, 180, Bonner Springs, KS	**Iowa State**
P	**TIM NIGGELING,** 6-2, 205, Tampa, IA	**Iowa State**

Thomas. In fact, we think we got a couple of other backs who could be better than Thomas. We thought Thomas would be a great defensive back."

The 6-2, 205-pound Carr, who ran a 9.8 100 yard dash in the spring was one of the top sprinters among Oklahoma track performers as a senior, gained 2,087 yards as he led Enid to the state 5A championship. "Lydell Carr was better than any back in the state of Texas," said A&M recruiter Jerry Pettibone.

Knox is another big back with great speed. This 6-0, 208 pounder from Daly City, Calif. broke Dick Bass' California high school career records rushing and scoring with 5,214 yards and 78 touchdowns. The Huskers thought they had struck out for this prize when he said he eliminated Nebraska and would pick between Arizona State and Utah. After the Sun Devils signed six running backs, Nebraska recruiter George Darlington, who failed to give up, signed him.

"He gets the ball in the end zone. He's run back punts and kickoffs for touchdowns in his career. He caught 20 passes as a sophomore, he played outside linebacker as a junior and safety as a senior. He ran back two interceptions for touchdowns. He has a great vertical leap. He got 28 rebounds in one game. He even punted for us as a junior. He can do anything he wants to," praised prep coach Ron Fassler.

Joining Jo Jo Collins as receivers are Lorenzo Hicks of Kansas City Southeast (Nebraska) and tight end Keith Jackson of Little Rock, Ark. (Oklahoma). Hicks is a 6-1, 180 pounder who is made to order to become the next great Nebraska wingback. "He's the best athlete I've seen in Kansas City in seven years," said Husker assistant Charlie McBride. "I saw him play basketball one night, and he was the best athlete I've seen on a basketball floor, as far as quickness, in 20 years of recruiting."

The 6-3, 230 pound Jackson was on everyone's All-American team. He ended a furious recruiting battle when he signed with the Sooners after thinking about Texas, Arkansas and Georgia. He was regarded as the top prospect in Arkansas. On a run oriented team he caught 26 passes for a 23 yard average. He played tight end, split end and safety and ran back punts and kickoffs. "He has everything that you are looking for in a great tight end." said Oklahoma recruiting coordinator Scott Hill. He has the most potential of any tight end that we have signed since I've been here."

Now let's move to the interior of the offensive line. You have to believe that some day these players are going to be making it to the All-Conference team. This group consists of Chuck Tabor of Charlotte, N.C. (Missouri), Mark Hutson of Fort Smith, Ark. (Oklahoma), Jim Oehm of Marysville, Kan. (Kansas State), Gary Bennett of Evergreen, Colo. (Oklahoma) and Mike Wolfe of Miami, Okla. (Oklahoma State).

Tabor is a 6-5, 290 pounder with 5.1 40 speed. "He'll be a great one some day," voiced one recruiter. "He's a dominating type of lineman. He was one of the best in the country. He's the type to be a first round NFL draft pick some day."

Bennett (6-4, 250, 4.9) was one of the top players in Colorado. He selected the Sooners over Texas and UCLA. "He's a very physical type player who has great upper body strength," says OU line coach Merv Johnson. "He has a chance to come in as a freshman and contribute. He's a very intelligent player."

Oehm is a 6-3, 225 pounder. He will fill out into the 240-250 pound range. He

Mike Rogers
KANSAS

Tim Niggeling
IOWA STATE

Richard Davis
OKLAHOMA

Steve Vandegrift
MISSOURI

Mike Ploesser
MISSOURI

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

SE	**DREW FERRANDO,** 6-0, 180, Menlo Park, CA	**Colorado**
L	**TONY WOODS,** 6-5, 270, Colorado Springs (Harrison) CO	**Oklahoma**
L	**ANDY KEELER,** 6-3, 255, Omaha (Burke) NE	**Nebraska**
L	**ANTHONY SOUKUP,** 6-6, 227, Brecksville, OH	**Iowa State**
L	**MARK MENDEL,** 6-3, 230, Plymouth (Wayzata) MN	**Nebraska**
L	**MIKE FREEMAN,** 6-3, 240, Putnam City (West) OK	**Oklahoma State**
TE	**JOHN LAWRENCE,** 6-2, 215, Parsons, KS	**Kansas**
QB	**JEFF KELSO,** 6-2, 210, Kansas City (Parkhurst) MO	**Missouri**
RB	**ANTHONY WEATHERSPOON,** 6-1, 235, Lahambra, CA	**Colorado**
RB	**PATRICK COLLINS,** 5-10, 175, Tulsa (Washington) OK	**Oklahoma**
RB	**DON POPRILO,** 5-11, 205, Inwood, NY	**Iowa State**

DEFENSE

DE	**BRAD MILLER,** 6-6, 190, Riley, KS	**Kansas State**
T	**MICKEY GREENE,** 6-3, 255, Oklahoma City (Millwood) OK	**Oklahoma**
NG	**LAWRENCE PETE,** 6-3, 260, Wichita (South) KS	**Nebraska**
T	**STEVE HARRISON,** 6-3, 277, Ft. Washington (Woodson) MO	**Missouri**
DE	**JAMES BUTLER,** 6-3, 195, Hempstead, NY	**Iowa State**
LB	**KERT KASPER,** 6-3, 225, Houston (North Brook) TX	**Oklahoma**
LB	**DARYL DARLING,** 6-1½, 218, Hallandale, FL	**Missouri**
DB	**HAROLD GREEN,** 6-1, 185, Orange, TX	**Oklahoma State**
DB	**TONY HARVEY,** 6-1, 185, Salina, KS	**Kansas**
DB	**CURTIS LUPER,** 6-1, 190, Sherman, TX	**Oklahoma State**
DB	**KEITH JONES,** 6-0, 180, Omaha (Central) NE	**Nebraska**

could be a standout at either offense or defense. He is an all-league selection going both ways and was a Kansas all-state choice. This prize Wildcat recruit was also one of the top heavyweight wrestlers in the state.

Oklahoma may have gotten the three top players out of Arkansas in Jackson, Hutson and defensive lineman Curtice Williams. The Sooners think the 6-3, 270 pound Hutson can be a great one some day. "Arkansas thought he could start for them as a freshman," says Scott Hill. "I think he was one of the most underrated offensive linemen in the country. He has all of the tools to be a dominating player."

The Sooners got just about everything they wanted on the home front, but one player who got away, that they wanted dearly, was Wolfe, a 6-4, 235 pounder. "There's no doubt about it, some day Mike Wolfe is going to be one heckuva college football player," said OU's Merv Johnson. "He's the type of kid who is going to get better and better. He's just starting to fill out physically. His future is all in front of him."

The Big Eight has been known for its excellence in linebackers. The conference shouldn't worry about future tradition with the ones who signed in February. Making up the Freshman Harvest first team at linebackers are Steve Vandegrift (6-4, 225) of Grandview, Mo. (Missouri), Ricky Shaw (6-4, 225) of Fayetteville, N.C. (Oklahoma State) and Don Deluzio (6-3, 210) of Arvada, Colo. (Colorado).

Vandegrift was on everyone's recruiting list. Many thought he was the No. 1 prospect in the state of Missouri. He was definitely the top linebacker in the state. He narrowed his choices down to Texas and Missouri before picking the Tigers.

"He will be an All-American some day," predicted one recruiter. "He's big, fast and likes to hit. He's a very fluid player who can make things happen in a second. He's a head-hunter."

Shaw was one of the most thought-of defenders in the nation. He could be a standout at linebacker or defensive end. Sports writers named him player of the year in North Carolina. He's an outstanding athlete who ranked first in the state in the discus with a toss of 169-5½. He runs the 40 in 4.75. "He will fit right into the mold of the Oklahoma State defense. He's a very aggressive player who has quick feet. He will be a great pass rusher," said one recruiter.

Deluzio played in the shadows of All-American teammate linebacker Doug Kline, who signed with UCLA. Colorado coaches think he may be every bit as good as the more heralded player.

"For what we were looking for we thought Deluzio was good as any prospect in the state," said Colorado recruiting coordinator Sam Sample. "He is a very intelligent player and has excellent athletic ability. We really are impressed with the way he runs." Deluzio, who runs a 4.55 40, earned nine letters in football, basketball and baseball. He rushed for 952 yards playing offense as a senior. He picked the Buffs after visiting UCLA, Arizona State, SMU and Missouri.

The defensive ends will be wearing the Nebraska red the next four years—Todd Millikan (6-3, 215) of Shenandoah, Ia. and Willie Griffin (6-4, 230) of Monrovia, Calif. Both are also outstanding tight ends.

The Huskers won a recruiting battle for Millikan over Iowa, Iowa State, Notre Dame and Oklahoma. "We used him as a defensive end as a sophomore and outside linebacker as a junior," said

prep coach Don Strange. "As a senior everyone ran away from him so we moved him to middle linebacker. He can play numerous positions."

Griffin, who runs a 4.8 40, was a three year starter in high school as a defensive end. He also caught 25 passes for over 400 yards at tight end. He was named lineman of the year in the San Gabriel Valley. The Huskers think he is one of their prize recruits.

The interior of the line is made up of a couple of high school teammates, who are heading to Oklahoma, and a talented Missouri signee. No high school team in the country could brag of three highly recruited linemen as Jenks, Okla. could. Tackles Anthony Phillips, L. B. Moon and noseguard Richard Davis were recruited by everyone. The Sooners won out on Davis and Phillips, but lost Moon to Texas A&M. They're extremely happy with the two they got.

"We hope Richard Davis can come in and give us plenty of backup help as a freshman," says Barry Switzer. "He is very strong and moves very well for a big man. He's an ideal noseguard." The 6-2, 235 pound Davis ran a 4.9 40. He also is some kind of strong, bench pressing 400 pounds. Phillips is 6-2, 255 pounds with 4.9 speed and he bench presses 380 pounds. "Just ask Texas how good he is," said OU recruiter Scott Hill. "They think he's a great prospect and so do we."

Taking care of the other tackle slot is Missouri newcomer Mike Ploesser (6-5, 245) of St. Louis Vianney. He could play either on the offensive or defensive side. "Missouri did a good job of keeping most of the best players in state. As is usually the case, it was a very good year. Ploesser should be an outstanding player. He'll fill out to about 265 pounds and he runs extremely well," voiced one recruiter.

Rounding out the team are defensive backs Brian Washington (6-2, 205) from Highland Springs, Va. (Nebraska), Hughes Suffren (6-3, 180) from Kansas City Bonner Springs (Iowa State), and Mike Rogers (6-2, 190) from Smith Center, Kan. (Kansas) and punter Tim Niggeling (Iowa State).

When you talk about the defensive backs coming into the Big Eight Conference your conversation has to begin with Washington, one of the premier defensive backs in the nation. He has everything—4.4 speed in the 40 and a 400 pound bench press. He also has a 37 inch vertical leap to his credit. "He was definitely one of the finest defensive back prospects in the country," says Nebraska recruiting coordinator Steve Pederson. "He has a certain knack. He is also one of the top athletes that we signed. We wanted some help in the defensive backfield and he'll certainly help in that area."

Suffren was a first team all city defensive back choice as both a junior and a senior. He may very well wind up at split end for the Cyclones. He caught 76 passes for 1,112 yards during his final two years. "He can do it all," says Cyclone recruiting coordinator Kirby Cannon. "He's a super athlete. He was one of the top basketball players in this part of the country and will probably try to play both sports."

Rogers is another gifted athlete. This state sprint champion rushed for 4,263 yards in high school. As a senior he gained 1,783 yards and scored 21 TD's. He averaged 44.7 yards per kickoff return and 30.5 yards on punt returns.

Niggeling was an all-state elite selection as a punter by the Des Moines Register and also was an all-state defensive back. All that he did in the punting department was average 42 yards per boot. When he played defensive back, he had 99 solo tackles and 35 of the assisted variety. He also came up with six interceptions.

That is it for the Freshman Harvest Class of 1984. Some will miss. They might disappear. But you can bet the ranch you will be hearing big things about most of these players during the next four years.

COLORADO

JOHN BENNETT, DB, 6-0, 185, Houston, TX (San Francisco CC). Defensive Back-of-the-Year in the Golden State Juco Conf. Named to the first-team all-California Juco team. Played free safety and was a 2-year starter. As a sophomore, he had 30 unassisted tackles, 27 first hits, 25 assisted tackles, two quarterback sacks. six pass deflections and one interception. Considered a vicious tackler as he knocked seven opposing players out of games with clean, solid hits. Has great quickness.

JOE COLLINS, WR, 6-1, 180, Pomona, CA. Considered one of the top 10 receivers in the country by most college scouting services. Career totals were 175 catches for 2,467 yds. and 25 TDs. Has 4.5 40. Was a three-year starter. Was all-CIF second team as a junior and all-CIF first-team as a senior. Los Angeles Times first-team selection as a junior and senior. Total offense as a senior was over 2,100 yds.: 1,458 receiving, 343 on kickoff returns, 273 on punt returns and 101 on rushing. Threw the ball five times, completing four, for 75 yds. Scored 3 TDs on run backs: 2 on kickoffs and 1 on punt return. Also handled punting duties (38.0 avg. and a 4.0 hang time). A 2-year starting shooting guard (avgs. 15.0 points, 8 rebounds, 5 assists and 4 steals).

PHIL CROSS, TE/DL, 6-4, 206, Arvada, CO. A first-team all-State selection at tight end by the Colorado Sidelines Magazine. Caught 22 passes for 329 yds. and three TDs during the regular season. Selected to represent the South in this summer's all-state football game. Considered one of the top tight end prospects in the state.

DEAN DAVIS, OL, 6-5, 270, Scottsbluff, NE. Rated among the eight top prospects coming out of Nebraska. Was a first-team all-State selection in the "super class" division. Was a two-time first-team all-Conf. selection. A 3-year starter at offensive tackle, but only started to realize his true potential the last five or six games of his senior season. Carries a 3.8 gpa.

DON DeLUZIO, LB, 6-3, 210, Arvada, CO (Pomona). Considered the top collegiate prospect coming out of Colorado in 1984. A three-year starter. Started at linebacker as a sophomore, at wide receiver and linebacker as a junior and at tailback and linebacker as a senior. Rushed for 952 yds and 8 TD's as a senior. Runs the 40 in 4.55. Will conclude his high school career with 9 letters (3 each in football, basketball and baseball). A consensus all-State selection by the Denver Post, Rocky Mountain News and Colorado Sidelines.

DION DYSON, RB, 6-1, 192, Chicago, IL (Julian). Picked CU in an intense recruiting battle with NCAA champion Miami, Fla. and Iowa. Rushed for 1,031 yds. on 112 carries as a senior. Averaged 9.2 yds-per-carry. Added over 200 more yds. on pass receptions, averaging 17.5 yds-per-catch. Scored 136 points (20 TDs and 8 two-point conversions) 18 of his 20 TDs were scored on the ground. Played halfback as a senior. Top individual performance was 201-yd. rushing day on just 10 carries. Has 4.6 40. Played fullback as a junior. Played basketball his freshman year and ran track as a junior and senior.

KEITH ENGLISH, P, 6-3, 185, Greeley, CO (West). Played offense, defense and special teams at HS. As a receiver, he caught 30 passes for 615 yds. and 14 TDs. The 14 TDs led the state, along with two others, in a 3A-4A competition. All-State first-team selection at wide receiver by the Colorado Sidelines Magazine. As a punter he averaged over 42.7 yards-per-punt. Has excellent speed (4.6 in the 40).

DREW FERRANDO, WR, 6-0, 180, Menlo Park, CA. Caught 155 passes for 2,702 yds

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and 33 TDs on his career. As a senior, he caught 56 for 1,102 and 11 TDs. Quarterbacked three games as a senior, attempting 56 passes, completing 27 for 274 yds. and 2 TDs. Started three years at safety and had 4 interceptions as a senior. Started as a jr. and sr. as a basketball point guard.

DEREK FULLMER, DB, 6-3, 190, Boulder, CO (Fairview). A first-team all-Centennial League selection as a defensive back and an honorable mention all-State selection at defensive back by the Colorado Sidelines Magazine. Was a third-team all-State selection by the Denver Post. Was all-Boulder County three straight years at three different positions: wingback as a sophomore, running back as a junior and safety as a senior. An all-around athlete: he starts on HS's basketball team and he's considered one of the top sprinters in the state.

WILLIAM HARVEY, WR, 6-3, 175, Dallas, TX (Pinkston). Caught 44 passes for 769 yards as a senior. Had 3 games in which he had 100 or more receiving yds. as a senior. A two-year starter in the defensive backfield. Runs the 40 in 4.6. A starter in basketball, and also runs track. Selected to the prestigious "Texas 100" team.

MARK HATCHER, QB, 6-1, 170, Pasadena, CA (John Muir). Passed for 2,093 yds. as a senior, completing 108 of 188 for 27 TDs. Had 432 yds. on 86 carries for 5.0 avg. and 10 TDs. Scored 82 points as a senior. He either scored or passed for 244 of his team's points in 1983. Runs the 40 in 4.4. Was first-team all-Southern California as a QB and punter as a senior. Won the league hurdle title (14.7). Recently ran on the 440 relay team that missed the national prep mark by just two-tenths of a second in the Sunkist Track Meet. Runs the 100 in 9.7 and long jumps 23-11. Also played basketball (point guard) as a sophomore and junior averaging 10 points per game.

MILES KUSAYANAGI, LB, 6-2, 230, Covina, CA (Mount San Antonio). An all-league (South Coast League) selection as a Juco sophomore. Had 44 solo tackles, 89 assisted tackles, two interceptions, four quarterback sacks and four pass deflections as a sophomore.

KEN LIGHTNER, OL, 6-3, 265, Hastings, NE (Riverside). Was all-Conference, all-State and honorable mention all-American as a freshman at Riverside City College this past season. Will have three years of eligibility remaining.

BERNIE MEADOR, OL, 6-4, 250, San Diego, CA (San Diego Mesa College). A two-year starter at Mesa. Named all-Conf. first-team as a sophomore. Named the team's Most Valuable Lineman this past season. Graded out as the top lineman six of the 10 games as a sophomore. Played every game two consecutive seasons.

BRET MERSOLA, RB, 5-10, 195, Burbank, CA (John Burroughs). Rewrote John Burroughs record books. Set single season records for rushing (1,739 yds.), carries (191), TDs scored (25), and points scored (100). His individual game records include longest run from scrimmage (96 yds.), longest pass reception (92 yds.) and longest punt return (99 yds., also a CIF record). Led team in receptions as a sr. with 332 yds. and two TDs on 27 receptions. Had 2,340 yds. total offense as a senior. Rushed for 2,197 yds. and scored 174 points (29 TDs) during his career. College board scores were 1280 on the SAT scale. Runs the 40 in 4.43.

BRYAN OSTERHAUS, QB, 6-2, 195, Houston, TX (Cypress-Fairbanks). Passed for 1,560 yds. as a senior on 132-of-250 (53.0 percent) accuracy for 12 TDs. Accounted for over 3,400 yds. passing as a 24-game starter. Completed over 55.0 percent on his career. Honors included second-team the greater-Houston area as a senior, all-District as a junior and senior and honorable mention greater-Houston as a junior. An outstanding baseball player (left field and pitcher). Won the conference batting championship with a .467 avg. Carries a 3.3 gpa. As a junior, selected to "Junior All-Stars," the top 100 jrs. in the US.

TODD OWEN, LB, 6-5, 210, Evergreen, CO. A two-year starter at defensive end. An all-Conference first-team selection as a jr. and sr. Played quarterback as a sophomore, and tight end as a junior and senior. A standout basketball player as a junior, but elected not to play as a senior so that he could focus on lifting weights.

KEVIN PAULINE, LB, 6-2, 215, Lakewood, CO. A first-team all-State selection by the Colorado Sidelines Magazine. Started at linebacker and fullback as a jr. and sr. Had 550 yds. rushing. Was Lakewood's leading tackler as a senior, before a foot tendon injury sidelined him the rest of the year (he played in only five games). Was co-captain of team as a senior. Ran track as a jr. Very strong and has great speed (4.7 in the 40).

LYLE PICKENS, DB, 5-11, 175, Reseda, CA (Los Angeles Valley). An all-State first-team Juco selection. Was offered scholarships by 46 major colleges. A two-year starter. Had 56 solo hits, 23 assisted hits for a total of 79 stops. Also had 18 deflections, four interceptions, two fumble recoveries, one forced fumble and one forced interception as a sophomore. Prepped at Birmingham High in Reseda, Cal. He was the Los Angeles city track champion in 400 meters as a prepster.

JIM QUACKENBUSH, LB, 6-2, 218, Colorado Springs, CO (W. J. Palmer). Played on both sides of the ball, as a runningback on offense and as a linebacker on defense. Rushed for 779 yds. on 123 attempts (6-3 avg.) as a sr. Won the Most Valuable Linebacker Award at the 1983 CU Summer Football Camp. A second-team all-State selection as a running back by the Colorado Sidelines Magazine. Bench presses over 300 pounds. A motocross racer. Great speed for his size, 4.6 in the 40.

SCOTT RASMUSSEN, DT, 6-4, 235, Concord, CA (De La Salle). A two-way starter OT/DT as a senior. Honors included first-team all-League and honorable mention all-East Bay as a sr. Had 36 unassisted and 59 assisted tackles for a total of 95, which included 11 quarterback sacks. Also had 5 fumble recoveries, 3 forced fumbles and 5 pass deflections as a senior. Started his junior season. Lettered two years in track as a discus specialist. Is a 3.45 student.

RODNEY ROGERS, DB, 6-1, 185, Houston, TX. A transfer from Houston U. Originally picked Houston over CU, but transferred after one semester. He'll have to sit out the 1984 season, but he'll have three years of eligibility remaining. Was a tremendous athlete as a prepster. Was a three-year starter. Was all-District three seasons and first-team the Greater Houston area as a jr. and sr. He was captain of his team as a junior and senior. Had 13 career interceptions in HS. A stellar performer for the track team, specializing in the hurdle events. One of the top 10 HS hurdlers in the nation as a senior. Has great speed (4.45 in the 40).

DERRICK SMITH, LB, 6-5, 235, San Jose, CA (San Jose CC). Graduated from Independence High in San Jose and spent the next three years in the Marines. He then enrolled at San Jose, where he was a two-year starter. Runs the 40 in 4.7. Has the size to play in the line, but he has the speed and quickness to play outside linebacker.

JIM SMITH, OL, 6-6, 215, Aurora, CO (Hinkley). Has impressed college scouts with his ability to run and his ability to play a number of different positions. He could play center, guard, tackle or defensive tackle. A second-team all-Centennial League pick as a sr. Also plays basketball (considered one of the state's top rebounders) and baseball. A good student, 3.0 gpa.

TREVOR SMOTHERMAN, DB, 6-3, 185, Loveland, CO. Went unnoticed by a lot of scouts because he played only one year of varsity football. Played both ways for Loveland, as a safety and as a wide receiver. An all-State first-team selection by the Denver Post, Rocky Mountain News and the Colorado Sidelines Magazine. Considered one of the state's best athletes. He averaged 22 points-per-game in basketball. Played varsity tennis, instead of football, as a junior.

TOM STONE, QB, 6-4, 205, Boulder, CO (Fairview). Began his prep career at Limon HS in Limon, Colo. Transferred to Boulder's Fairview where he developed into a fine passer. Including the playoffs, he accounted for 1,642 yds. passing and rushing and 19 TDs, scoring 11 himself. Honors include: first-team all-Centennial League as a sr., along with third-team all-State honors by the Denver Post. He was the starter at Fairview as a jr. Has 4.7 in the 40. A two-year starting center on the basketball team. He is nearly a 4.0 student.

ALAN STRAIT, QB, 6-1, 195, Denver, CO (Mullen). A highly regarded quarterback prospect. Some scouts had him listed as No. 1 QB in the state. Suffered through an injury-plagued senior season in which he played with a dislocated left shoulder (his non-throwing arm) and strained ligaments in a foot. The shoulder injury required post-season surgery. Completed 65 of 163 passes for 1,127 yds. and 13 TDs. Has 4.6 speed in the 40. Was a first-team Colorado Sidelines all-State selection as a 4A defensive back.

JOHN SUDO, OC, 6-5, 220, Florence, CO. Played for the undefeated state champions at the 2A level this past season. Has great speed, 4.8 in the 40 for his size. Has great mobility and tremendous growth potential.

ANTHONY WEATHERSPOON, RB, 6-1, 235, La Habra, CA. Rushed for 726 yds. and 8 TDs on 141 carries (5.1 avg.) as a senior. Missed three complete games to injuries (ankle sprain and bruised thigh). Rushed for 986 yds. and 7 TDs on 116 carries (8.5 avg.) his junior season. Has 4.65 in the 40. Was a three-year participant in track: sprints and shot put, and a one-year participant in wrestling finishing second in his conference in his weight class. Runs a 10.4 100-yard dash.

JAMES WEBB, OL, 6-4, 265, Kirkwood, MO (Butler, KS). A first-team Juco All-American. Was the most sought-after Butler player of 12 that went on to major colleges. Started every game as a sophomore. Was voted the No. 1 lineman in the Kansas Jayhawk Juco Conf. for the 1983 season. Following two seasons of hard work, he'll come to CU one full inch taller, 25 pounds heavier, and can bench press over 400 lbs.

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DAVID AUSTIN, LB/FB, 6-2, 200, 4.6, Omaha, NE (Tech), all-state linebacker and all-Metro fullback at Omaha Tech HS, also earned honorable mention All-America honors, rushed for 1,021 yards and five touchdowns as a prep senior and finished ninth in the Omaha Metropolitan Conference in tackles as a linebacker, played for coach Tim Bond at Tech.

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JAMES BUTLER, LB, 6-3, 195, 4.6, Hempstead, NY, first team all-state in New York, all-Long Island, all-Nassau County, three-year starter, totaled 83 tackles as a senior and 78 during his junior season. Hempstead High's defense surrendered only 24 points during his senior year. He was selected the team's best defensive player. Team was 20-4 during his three seasons as a letterman.

SCOTT CRIMMINS, QB, 6-3, 185, 4.8, Lincoln, NE (East), all-conference, second team all-state selection by The Omaha World-Herald, drop back passer who led Lincoln East to a 9-2 record and berth in the state semi-finals, completed 127 of 258 passes (49.2 percent) last year for 1,507 yards. He ran for nine TD's and passed for six others. As a junior, he threw for 670 yards in just five games.

ALVIN DAVIS, S, 6-2, 195, 4.6, Atco, NJ (Edgewood Regional), all-Olympic Conference first teamer, all-district, second team all-South New Jersey, starting safety. Prep coach was Greg Walter.

DEREK DeGENNARO, QB, 6-3, 190, 4.9, Ft. Lauderdale, FL (Cardinal-Gibbons), all-country selection. Selected the team's outstanding offensive player, completed 108 of 213 passes (51 percent) last year for more than 1,100 yards, four-year letterman, also lettered four times in basketball and was the baseball team's centerfielder. Prep coach was Chris Mattura.

LYLE GERMAN, OT, 6-5, 270, 5.3, Battle Creek, IA, first team all-conference player as a senior, second team all-Northwest Iowa, second team all-conference pick as a junior. Also played nose guard on defense. Had 56 solo tackles and 40 assists. Also competed in basketball and track (threw the shot put), three time honor role student.

RODNEY HARRIS, LB, 6-3, 189, 4.8, Miami, FL (Northwestern), all-city in Miami, all Dade County, team MVP as a junior, team's defensive captain and the second leading tackler. Had two interceptions and blocked two punts last season, also track letterman.

BRAD HENKE, NB, 6-3, 230, 4.8, Littleton, CO (Heritage), second team all-state as selected by the Denver Post and the Rocky Mountain News, all-Centennial League. Team's Most Valuable Player, totaled a team-leading 135 tackles, had three quarterback sacks and five fumbles.

CHRIS HENTGES, FB, 6-0, 215, 4.65, Jefferson City, MO (Helias), first team all-state fullback, honorable mention All-American, first team all-North Central MO Conference and all-district, also all-conference and all-district linebacker. Broke University of Missouri runningback George Shorthose's city prep rushing record for yards in a single season. Carried 207 times for 1,606 yards and 7.7 yards per carry. Established a career rushing record at Helias HS with 2,735 yards. Set school's single game rushing record with 306 yards on 16 carries. Also set school single season scoring record with 20 TD's for 120 points last year. Scored 30 career touchdowns. Helias High was 11-1 last season and 17-4 during his two years as a starter. Placed third in the state wrestling championships at 185 pounds as a junior. Placed 13th in the state in golf during his junior campaign. Both of those teams won Missouri state 3A titles, two-year honor roll student. High school coach was his father, Ray Hentges.

TIM NIGGELING, DB/P, 6-2, 205, 4.8, Tama, IA (South Tama), all-state elite team selection as a punter by the Des Moines Register, all-state defensive back as selected by the Iowa Daily Press Association and the Des Moines Register, first team all-Central Iowa Conference. Held a 42-yard punting average, had 99 solo tackles and 35 assists as a senior defensive back, also had

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six interceptions. Team's Most Valuable Player. Also competed in basketball and track.

ANTON PETRZELKA, DL/OL, 6-5, 220, 5.2, Cedar Rapids, IA (Regis), first-team all-Metro, first team all-city on offense and defense, second team all-state as selected by The Des Moines Register and Iowa Daily Press Association, selected Cedar Rapids Gazette player-of-the-week last season. Also starter for the Regis state champion basketball team, two-year basketball and three-year football letterman. Prep coach was Tom Good.

DON POPRILO, TB, 5-11, 205, 4.5, Inwood, NY, three-year starter who rushed for more than 3,000 yards and 33 touchdowns during his prep career at Inwood High, rushed for more than 1,200 yards and 17 touchdowns during his senior year, all-state, all-Long Island, all-conference, all-city, all-county, honor roll student.

ANTHONY SOUKUP, DL, 6-6, 227, 4.7, Brecksville, OH, played for the undefeated (13-0) state champions, 3A, Division II, as a senior, all-Northeastern Ohio, all-state by Sunwest Newspaper, all-Pioneer Conference, finished ninth in the league in tackles, first-team all-conference. Also earned all-conference honors and led Breckville's basketball team in scoring as a junior.

HUGHES SUFFREN, WR, 6-3, 180, 4.6, Bonner Springs, KS, first team all-Metro (Kansas City area), first team all-city, also was first team all-state as a defensive back in both 1982 and 1983, totaled 76 receptions for 1,112 yards during the 1982 and 1983 seasons. High school coach was Joe Minter.

CHAD WELDING, DB, 6-6, 185, 4.5, Sioux City, IA (North), all-Northwest Iowa, all-city, all-Sioux Interstate Conference, honorable mention all-state. Had 10 career interceptions as a defensive back. Broke school's single season record with 63 tackles as a junior. Played quarterback on offense. Versatile athlete, lettered twice in basketball and three times in track. State track qualifier in the 100 meters and as a member of both the 4x100 and 4x200 meter relay teams. Basketball team played in state tournament twice and baseball team competed in state tourney once.

LAWRENCE BOOKER, CB, 5-11, 185, 4.5, Los Angeles, CA (LA City JC), first team all-conference junior college cornerback. Set school record for kick-off returns, had six interceptions last season. Played only one year of juco ball and has three years of eligibility remaining. Played prep ball at Fremont in his hometown Los Angeles.

JEFF BRASWELL, LB, 6-1, 235, 4.7, Riviera Beach, FL (Independence JC), led Jayhawk (junior college) Conference with 198 tackles in 1982, all-conference selection. Had 128 tackles during senior year at Suncoast, all-state, two-year prep basketball letterman, lettered in track.

TRAI EHLER, DL, 6-7, 250, 4.9, Des Moines, IA (Ellsworth JC), honorable mention junior college All-American, two-year starter at Ellsworth, second team Des Moines Register all-state selection as a defensive end while starring for Newton High. First team all-Metro, first team all-Central Iowa Conference. Newton was the state champion during his junior season and made it to the state play-offs during his senior campaign. Holds school shot put record and qualified for the Drake Relays in the discus and shot as a senior.

WILLIE EVERETT, LB, 6-3, 220, 4.7, Bushnell, FL (Independence JC). All-Jayhawk Conference selection as a junior college player. Prep all-stater in 1981 and 1982 at South Sumter in Bushnell, Fla. Junior college coach was Jim Cochren.

PERRY LAURES, DL, 6-3, 250, 4.9, New Hampton, IA (Waldorf CC), first team all-conference and honorable mention All-American junior college player. Two-year starter at Waldorf. Team's defensive captain. First team all-state prep player at New Hampton. Prep wrestling state qualifier. Juco coach was David Bolstorff. Bolstorff says, "Perry is extremely quick and agile for his size."

MICHAEL LINCOLN, DB, 6-0, 180, 4.6, Topeka, KS (Fort Scott JC), first team all-Jayhawk Conference in junior college. Honorable mention junior college All-American. Led juco league in interceptions (five), punt returns (17.5) and tackles. All-Centennial League as a prep at Highland Park High. Holds the city tackle record with 122 stops as a senior. all-city as a prep.

BOB MATTHEWS, FB, 6-1, 225, 4.6, Cincinnati, OH (Iowa Central CC), all-conference junior college player. Carried 182 times for 912 yards (5.0 yards per carry). Played high school ball at North College Hill in Cincinnati, first team all-conference both offensively and defensively, all-state, all-city. Averaged 6.2 yards per carry as a prep senior. Also was team's leading tackler. North College Hill is the same high school that former Iowa State running back Dwayne Crutchfield attended.

ANTHONY MAYZE, S, 6-3, 196, 4.5, Wichita Falls, TX (Hutchinson JC), junior college All-American, first team all-Jayhawk Conference, first team all-district safety at Wichita Falls High in both 1980 and 1981, outstanding prep basketball player earning first team all-district accolades, district high jump champion three years with a best of 6'8".

JAMES NEWBILL, JR., DB, 6-3, 195, 4.5, Mullica Hill, NJ (Westchester CC), second team junior college All-American, all-conference prep player while at Clearview Regional High School in Mullica Hill, two-year all-county defensive back, played in the East-West all-star game. Junior college coach in Valhalla, NY was Ed Hendrix.

DENNIS PAULSEN, DL, 6-6, 230, 5.0, Cedar Rapids, IA (Waldorf JC), first team all-conference juco selection, two-year starter, prep all-state and all-conference player at Cedar Rapids Regis High School. All-state basketball tournament team. Junior college coach David Bolstorff says, "Dennis is just now coming into his own. His best days lie ahead."

JERRY QUICK, OG, 6-6, 290, 5.0, Anthony, KS (Butler County CC), two-time all-Jayhawk Conference player, prep all-stater in both 1980 and 1981 at Chapparal High School in Anthony, state heavyweight wrestling champion.

VERNON SINGLETON, LB, 6-1, 230, 4.6, Long Beach City College, CA, defensive player-of-the-year at Long Beach City College with 136 tackles, second team all-Metro. Junior college coach was Wayne Howard.

DERRICK SPERLING, TB, 6-3, 232, 4.4, West Islip, NY (Scottsdale CC), rushed for 1,100 yards and 14 TD's for Scottsdale CC in Arizona last season, was team's Most Valuable Player in both junior college and high school, was prep All-American at St. John the Baptist High School in West Islip. Rushed for 995 yards as a high school senior, set his high school record with 250 yards rushing in a single game. Bench presses 395 pounds. Has two years of eligibility remaining. Junior college coach John Avianontos says, "Derrick is as fine a running back as we've ever had at Scottsdale Community College and we've had some dandies."

MICHAEL TAYLOR, LB, 6-4, 215, 4.6, Detroit, MI (Ellsworth JC), totaled 111 tackles at Ellsworth Junior College, also had 13 quarterback sacks. Played high school ball at Kettering, led team in tackles as a senior. Team was city runner-up. Junior college coach Lloyd Sisco says, "Michael is a big play linebacker."

TONY TUCKER, CB, 6-0, 180, 4.5, Hampton, VA (Snow Utah JC), all-Intermountain Conference as a junior college player. Intercepted four passes last season for the co-champion Snow College team. Played at the same junior college that former Cyclone and All-Big Eight quarterback David Archer did. Junior college coach Walt Criner said, "Tony is a very physical player and hard hitter."

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RICK BREDESEN, FB/LB, 6-1, 210, Mission, KS (Shawnee Mission South). Could see action on either side of the ball during his collegiate career, earned consensus all-state honors his senior season and was also selected to the All-Sunflower League squad. Rushed for more than 900 yards and accounted for four touchdowns for Shawnee Mission South.

JOHN BREHM, P, 6-1, 185, Green Mountain, CO. An all-around standout as a punter, quarterback and defensive back, earned first team all-state honors as a punter with a 41.9 average his senior season. Selected all-conference as a defensive back and ranked second in league statistics with five interceptions. Named second team all-conference as a quarterback. Also starts in baseball and basketball.

JOHN DIGGS, RB, 6-0, 195, Swedesboro, NJ (Kingsway Regional). Another prep standout who excelled on both offense and defense, named Tri-County League player of the year on both offense and defense as a senior, earned South Jersey lineman of the year honors as a linebacker, also selected All-Glouceter County and All-Delaware Valley. A strong runner with good speed. Also excels in the decathlon in track competition.

CHUCK EANES, WR, 5-9, 175, Salina, KS (South). A consensus all-state selection after rushing for 1,056 yards, averaged seven yards per carry and accounted for 13 touchdowns, also credited with 62 tackles and assists along with two interceptions as a cornerback. Only player named to the All I-70 League team on both offense and defense, helped his team to an 8-3 record, the best ever in Salina South's history. Also a two-year letterman in basketball.

MIKE ROGERS, RB, 6-2, 190, Smith Center, KS. A consensus all-state selection as a senior when he rushed for 1,783 yards and 21 touchdowns, also averaged 44.7 yards in kickoff returns, including two for TD's, and 30.5 yards on punt returns, career (three-year) rushing total was 4,263 yards, accounted for 56 touchdowns and 5,360 all-purpose yards, led Smith Center to a combined 20-2 record, including a 13-0 mark and 3A state championship his junior season, also a state sprint champion in track.

WARREN SHIELDS, RB, 6-0, 200, Kansas City, KS (Sumner). Set a school single season rushing record with 1,087 yards, accounted for his yardage over an eight game schedule, averaged just over 135 yards per game and 28 carries per outing. A first team all-metro selection, served as team co-captain, also lettered in basketball and track.

DAVID SMITH, DL, 6-3, 215, Johnson, KS (Johnson-Stanton County). A consensus all-state lineman from state 2A state championship team, played a key role as the leading tackler on his squad in helping Johnson-Stanton County to an overall 12-1 season mark. Can play on the defensive or offensive line, runs the hurdles and also participates in shot put and discus competition in track, also starts in basketball.

CHASE VAN DYNE, TE/K, 6-2, 205, Mission, KS (Shawnee Mission East). First team All-Sunflower League as both place-kicker and tight end, second all-metro choice as a kicker, missed just one extra point in three years, recorded a 48-yard field goal his senior year.

BRAD WEDEL, QB, 6-5, 195, Canton, KS (Canton-Galva). First team all-state selection in eight-man competition, threw for 473 yards and accounted for 11 touchdowns, averaged seven yards per carry, helped direct his team to an undefeated regular season schedule, also the top scorer on his basketball team.

MIKE WERNER, DT, 6-5, 230, Topeka, KS (West). A consensus second team all-state selection his senior year, also named all-conference and all-city, a defensive standout on a team that finished with an impressive 7-2 season, a 2 year letterman.

JIMMY DRAYTON, DB, 6-2, 200, Elizabeth, NJ. Played one season at Ellsworth Iowa Junior College, earned all-conference honors with four interceptions, returned two interceptions for TD's, played on a squad that finished 10-1 and went to a bowl game, signed with Nebraska out of high school, all-state, all-metro and all-conference his senior year in high school.

ARNOLD FIELDS, DB, 6-1, 210, Los Angeles, CA (Bishop Amat). Operated as a defensive end at Mt. San Antonio Junior College for two seasons, was credited with 72 tackles, including nine quarterback sacks last fall, helped his team to a combined 16-5 two-year record, served as a co-captain, clocked at 4.5 over 40 yards.

GUY GAMBLE, DT, 6-3, 230, Compton, CA (Pius X). Second team all-conference selection at Cerritos Junior College, started all 21 of his team's games over two years at offensive guard, recruited as a defensive lineman and linebacker, earned all-conference honors and helped his team to a 9-2 record and a number two ranking in California.

JAY HAGER, DG, 6-3, 250, Sylmar, CA (Alemany). All-conference defensive lineman as a freshman at College of the Canyons before transferring to Pasadena City College, credited with 37 unassisted tackles, including seven quarterback sacks, helped his team to a 9-2 record, runs a 4.7 in the 40.

SAL LEWIS, DB, 6-1, 180, Los Angeles, CA. Second-team All-Southern Cal. Conference defensive back last fall at Compton Junior College, credited with 10 interceptions during his two-year career, returned one interception 64 yards for a touchdown last season, served as team co-captain.

MIKE NORSETH, QB, 6-3, 205, LaCrescenta, CA (Snow, Utah JC). Passed for 3,010 yards last season at Snow, also set a school record with 4,030 career passing yards, intercepted just eight times while throwing 377 passes as a sophomore, best game was a 445-yard, four touchdown performance, helped his team to two conference titles, won athletic honors in football, basketball and baseball in high school at LaCrescenta Valley.

ROBERT TUCKER, DG, 6-3, 230, Los Angeles, CA (Pacific Palisade). Selected All-Southern Cal. Conference first team as a tight end at Los Angeles City College, but also played on the defensive line, named his team's MVP last year, earned all-city honors in high school.

ALVIN WALTON, DB, 6-0, 185, Banning, CA. Earned all-conference and all-state honors last season at Mt. San Jacinto Junior College, was a standout in the defensive secondary, a two-year starter for his junior college team.

MILTON GARNER, WR, 5-10, 175, Kansas City, KS (Washington). An all-conference performer on offense and defense, credited with 11 receptions for 248 yards and four touchdowns, also had one punt return for a touchdown, operated as a linebacker on defense, helped his team to a 6-3 record and league title, a standout in basketball who averages 21.0 points per game with a one game high of 41.

MARK GORDON, OT, 6-9, 390, Chicago, IL (Central). Perhaps the largest recruit in Kansas football history, played two seasons as a starter in basketball, did not participate in prep football since his high school did not field a football team coaches believe he has the potential to be a good player.

TONY HARVEY, DB, 6-1, 185, Salina, KS (Salina South). A consensus second team

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all-state choice who rushed for 690 yards during his senior season, also caught 18 passes for 251 yards, averaged nearly six yards per carry while operating out of a "full-house" backfield, also intercepted three passes from his safety position on defense, averaged 40.2 yards as a punter, a three-year starter in football, lettered in basketball and track.

WES HENDRICKS, LB, 6-5, 190, Parsons, KS. A three-year all-conference selection as a tight end and punter, projected as a linebacker in college, selected all-state by at least one state newspaper, averaged 41.0 yards as a punter, joins John Lawrence as one of two Parsons products signed by the Jayhawks, a standout high jumper in track.

STEVE ISHAM, OT, 6-4, 230, Aurora, CO (Smokey Hill). Promising young lineman who earned first team all-state honors as a senior at Smokey Hill, recognized as one of the state's prize offensive line prospects, named lineman of the year in his conference.

ERIC KEELER, FB/LB, 6-1, 200, Salina, KS (Salina South). Led one of the state's top prep teams in defensive statistics with 120 tackles from his middle linebacker position, rushed for 500 yards and five touchdowns as a fullback, a two-year starter and three-year letterman, earned all-conference honors on defense, one of three Salina South products to ink with KU.

VON LACEY, OT, 6-5, 250, Del City, OK. Highly recruited offensive line prospect, selected all-conference and all-district, a three-year letterman, served as team captain his senior season, also a standout in track.

JOHN LAWRENCE, LB, 6-2, 215, Parsons, KS. An all-state selection who operated at tight end, fullback and linebacker at Parsons High School, a three-year all-conference selection, brother of David Lawrence, co-captain of KU's 1981 Hall of Fame Bowl team, also lettered in basketball, track and tennis.

MARVIN MATTOX, DE/LB, 6-4, 190, Romona, CA (Garey). Operated at linebacker and tight end in high school, earned all-league and all-valley honors, credited with 23 quarterback sacks as a defensive specialist, has excellent mobility, could see action on defense or offense.

STEVE NORFUL, WR, 6-5, 205, St. Louis, MO (Maplewood). Highly regarded prospect by the KU coaching staff, second team all-state selection, credited with 13 receptions and an impressive average of 26.5 yards per catch, also averaged 45.1 yards as a punter.

GUY O'GARA, FB/LB, 6-1, 205, Kansas City, KS (Bishop Miege). A third team all-state selection his senior season, used primarily on defense as a senior due to an ankle injury that forced him to miss two games, was a standout on both offense and defense as a junior, an all-metro and all-county choice last year, also lettered in track.

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REX RAMAGE, DB, 6-1, 195, Little River (Little River-Windom), KS. Played in only four games last season due to an injury but led his team to state championship his junior year...Played either linebacker or strong safety in high school but is projected as a defensive back in college.

KEVIN BRUCE, OT/DT, 6-5, 245, Galva (Canton-Galva), KS. A versatile athlete who played either way on Canton-Galva's eight-man squad. Was all-league as both an offensive and defensive lineman but earned all-state honors as a defensive player. Caught 13 passes for six touchdowns on offense. Led basketball team to 2A state championship a year ago. Was runnerup in the state 2A shot put.

RANDY CALL, OT/DT, 6-5, 240, Iola, KS. A huge speciman who can play either way for the Wildcats. Was an all-state lineman for Iola and was voted the most outstanding lineman in the Southeastern Kansas League.

BRAD MILLER, TE/DE, 6-6, 190, Riley (Riley Co.), KS. An all-state performer in Class 3A as well as a member of the all-Blue Valley League. Is also an outstanding basketball player who was named all-league last season. One of four local recruits for KSU this season.

JEFF DAILY, DE, 6-2, 195, Manhattan, KS. One of three Manhattan High School products to sign with Kansas State this season. Helped lead his team to two consecutive 9-0 regular season marks. Was an all-state pick by the Topeka Capital-Journal as well as a member of the all-I 70 League team.

ROB GOODE, DT, 6-1, 215, Manhattan, KS. Another Manhattan Indian star to sign with KSU. Was an all-I 70 League pick.

MATT WALLERSTEDT, LB, 5-11, Manhattan, KS. A consensus all-state pick in Class 6A. Was also chosen as a member of Wichita Eagle's Top 11. First-team all-league for two straight years.

JAY WADE, RB/DB, 6-2, 185, Haviland, KS. Rushed for 1,300 yards this past season for Haviland's eight-man squad. Won all-state honors as well as all-league. Was also recipient of Haviland coaches' leadership award the last two years. Won 1A state high jump as sophomore (6-6). Is currently averaging 20 points per game in basketball.

ANDY SCHRAG, RB/DB, 5-11, 175, Kingman, KS. A first-team all-state Class 4A pick this last year despite missing three games with an injury. Had 2,428 career rushing yards for Kingman, including 1,088 as a junior. Also scored 10 TD's in his junior campaign. Averaged 140 yards per game this year until an injury cut short his senior year. Also an outstanding kick returner with good speed. Was runnerup in state 4A high hurdles a year ago.

LARRY KEYS, WR, 6-2, 180, Kansas City (Schlagle), KS. Earned 6A all-state honors as well as all-metro honors last year. Caught 61 passes for 1,037 yards and nine touchdowns in two varsity seasons.

ROBERT EASTERWOOD, DB, 6-2, 175, Kansas City (Washington), KS. Honorable mention all-state pick last season after intercepting 10 passes which was the most of any Kansas City area player. Leading tackler on team with 50 unassisted and 51 assisted tackles. Earned all-league honors as well.

JIM OEHM, OT/DT, 6-3, 225, Marysville, KS. A two-way all-league choice at both offensive and defensive tackle. Was also an all-state Class 4A pick. Will play in the Shrine Bowl this summer as a member of the East team. Was nominated for Balley's all-American team at the conclusion of the season. Is also an outstanding wrestler. Currently has 16-0 record and has finished in top four of state tournament last two years.

TIM GRIFFIN, DB, 6-1, 180, Dallas (Skyline), TX. A very good, all-around athlete. Played running back, safety and cornerback for his high school last season. Was chosen as a second-team all-district defensive back in Class 5A (Texas' largest).

KENNETH ANDERSON, DB, 6-0, 175, Rowlett (Lakeview Centennial), TX. Was a first-team all-district choice in Texas' largest classification last season (Class 5A). Had five interceptions for the season as team went 5-5 for the year.

LAWRENCE TOLBERT, RB, 6-2, 195, Garden City, KS. High school had a tough year, finishing 0-9, but Tolbert still managed to gain 786 yards on 98 carries. Scored six touchdowns in senior season. Earned honorable mention all-Class 6A. Currently the leading scorer on Garden City's basketball team with an average of 18 points per game.

BRIAN CURRY, OG, 6-3, 225, Prairie Village (Rockhurst), KS. A first-team all-Kansas City guard who also earned second team all-district and honorable mention all-state honors.

STEVE GAVIN, LB, 6-2, 220, Richmond (Arizona Western JC), VA. Starting linebacker on a 3-6 team a year ago. Becomes K-State's ninth junior college recruit.

JOHN KENDRICK, RB, 6-0, 195, Topeka (Butler Co. CC), KS. A former Topeka High product who played the last two seasons at Butler Co. (KS) Community College. Finished second in the nation in rushing last year with 1,720 yards and also was second in the nation in scoring with 22 touchdowns. Ran for 560 yards his freshman season for a total of 2,280 career yards at Butler. Earned honorable mention all-American honors last season as well as first-team all-Jayhawk Junior College laurels. Is the second Butler County product to sign with Kansas State this season as well as the tenth juco recruit. In high school rushed for 1,504 yards and 14 touchdowns on a 7-2 team.

JEFF DROUILLARD, LB, 6-4, 215, St. George (Dodge City CC), KS. Was an all-Jayhawk Junior College pick last season as team finished 11th in the nation with an 8-3 record. Averaged 12 tackles per game and was MVP on defense when Dodge City played in the Jayhawk Classic Bowl Game.

RON MACKLIN, OG, 6-2, 230, Wichita (Butler Co. CC), KS. Is the second signee out of Butler Co. for the Wildcats with running back John Kendrick being the other. Macklin was an all-Jayhawk Juco Conference performer as his team finished with an 8-4 record and a berth in the Ranger Bowl Classic in Ranger, Texas.

JIMMY McCULLOUGH, DB, 5-10, 180, Altus (Northeastern Oklahoma JC), OK. One of two NEO transfers. Has outstanding speed (4.5 in the forty) and can play either offense (running back) or defense (safety). Had a 3.7 GPA last semester.

KEN SEWELL, OG, 6-1, 258, Coweta (Northeastern Oklahoma JC), OK. Named most outstanding lineman on his juco team a year ago. Achieved a perfect 4.0 GPA last semester.

RENNETH REED, DT, 6-3, 255, Wichita Falls (Dodge City CC), TX. The second Dodge City CC product to sign with the 'Cats. Was a first-team all-American as well as first-team all-league pick.

DON CLIGGETT, DB, 6-0, 185, Warrington (Pratt CC), PA. Was a first-team all-league pick last season as well as an honorable mention all-American. As a freshman at Pratt, he picked off nine passes, third best in the nation and was chosen second team all-American.

ROCKEY DVORAK, DT, 6-4, 250, Chadron (Garden City CC), NE. A big defensive tackle who earned all-league honors last year at Garden City Community College.

DANA DIMEL, DT/OT, 6-4, 260, Columbus (Hutchinson CC), OH. A big, strong, raw prospect. Can bench press over 400 pounds. Can play either offensive or defensive tackle.

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CARL BAX, OL, 6-5, 245, St. Charles, MO was a two-way starter for a team that won the state Class 4A title in 1982 and was state semi-finalist in 1983. Bax chose Missouri over Nebraska.

MIKE BOLIAUX, C/NG, 6-3, 235, Des Plaines, IL (Maine East). Expected to replace Bobby Bell, Jr. as the punt snapper. He can snap without looking at the punter. Chose Mizzou over Wisconsin, where his older brother Guy played.

MELVIN BURROUGHS, DB, 6-2, 200, Lauderlakes, FL (Boyd Anderson). Played linebacker in high school, but will be converted to a defensive back at Mizzou. Has 4.6-4.7 speed in the 40-yard dash. Made 76 tackles last season, and also recovered 4 fumbles, 2 for touchdowns.

DARRYL DARLING, LB, 6-1½, 218, Hallandale, FL. Switching from defensive tackle, which he played in high school. Last year, he recorded 100 sacks for a 1-9 team. Darling can bench press over 400 pounds. Chose Missouri over Louisville and Iowa State.

DARRYL DAYE, DB, 6-1, 185, Miami, FL (Southridge). Made switch from offense, slotback and tailback, to defense for final four state playoff games and did a fantastic job. Wanted to be recruited as a defensive back. 4.6 speed in 40. Final all-around athlete. Did superb job, covering Dade County Player-of-the-Year, in state finals.

KEVIN FAIR, DE, 6-3½, 218 Midwest City, OK. Was best pass rusher on his high school team last season, as he led his team in sacks and was second in tackles. An all-district and all-conference player, he chose Mizzou over Oklahoma State and Tulsa.

STEVE HARRISON, DL, 6-3, 277, Ft. Washington, MD (H. D. Woodson). Was a preseason Parade Magazine all-American prior to his senior year. Made the Washington D. C. all-metro team as a senior. Chose Missouri over Illinois and Maryland.

DAVID HILL, DB, 6-0, 185, St. Louis, MO (Vashon). Converting to defensive back from running back. Last season, gained 538 yards in 48 carries. Was also credited with two tackles.

CHRIS JENSEN, LB, 6-2, 200, Marshall, MO. 3-year starter at linebackers and running back in high school. Was an all-conference and all-state linebacker his senior year.

JAY JOHNSON, WR, 6-3, 190, East St. Louis, IL. Can also play tight end. Considered one of the top wide receiver prospects in the St. Louis area. Runs a 4.4 40. Last year, he caught 29 passes for 636 yards and 8 touchdowns for team that won the Illinois Class 6A championship.

JEFF KELSO, QB, 6-2, 210, Kansas City, MO (Park Hill). Committed to Mizzou at the beginning of his senior season, and embarked on his own public relations campaign to get Kansas City-area players to Mizzou. Completed 130 of 235 passes for 1,559 yards his senior year, and for nearly 3,000 of the previous two. He also rushed for 296 yards as a senior.

RAY LAZALIER, NG/OG, 6-3, 228, Lake St. Louis, MO (Wentzville). Played fullback and lineback in high school. Was first team all-conference LB his junior year, 2nd team his senior year. Leading tackler on team last two seasons. State champion as a heavyweight wrestler his senior year, and qualified for state in the shotput. On top of that, he's an honor student.

CHRIS LOWE, OL, 6-3, 250, Sikeston, MO. Mizzou spotted him when they recruited his Sikeston High teammate, Marland Beaudean, last year. He has improved his quickness and agility by wrestling, as he recorded 10 pins in his first 10 matches this season.

MIKE PLOESSER, OL, 6-5, 245, St. Louis, MO (Vianney). Two-way lineman in high school, and was an all-state offensive tackle as a senior. First baseman for the baseball team, hitting .350 his senior campaign. Chose Mizzou over Notre Dame, UCLA, Iowa, and Wisconsin.

PAT RAY, RB/DB, 6-0, 185, Butler, MO. Runs the 40 in 4.5 and can jump 35 inches vertically. Rushed for 1,599 yards and 20 touchdowns last season, but may be converted to defensive back at Mizzou.

STEVE SHEEHAN, OL, 6-3, 277, Pleasant Hill, MO. Played both offensive and defensive tackle in high school, and was an all-state and all-conference player at OT. Was a 3-sport letterman.

CHUCK TABOR, OL, 6-5, 290, Charlotte, NC (Independence). Huge all-American tackle from the East Coast. High school coach played for Larry Beightol (Mizzou's Offensive Coordinator and Offensive Line Coach) at North Carolina State. Tabor figures to have a shot at playing this season.

STEVE VANDEGRIFT, LB, 6-4, 225, Grandview, MO (Ruskin). One of the most sought after players in the state, Vandegrift chose

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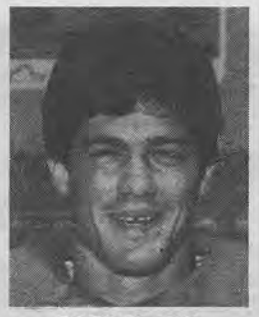

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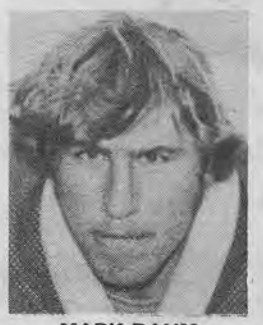

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83	Tom Banderas	TE	6-2	225	So.	Oak Grove, MD
73	Mark Behning	OT	6-6	290	Sr.	Denton, TX
13	Kevin Biggers	M	5-10	185	Sr.	Los Angeles, CA
16	Clete Blakeman	QB	6-1	185	So.	Norfolk, NE
70	Brian Blankenship	OG	6-0	260	Jr.	Lincoln, NE
92	Dan Bourn	TE	6-3	215	Sr.	Ponca, NE
97	Jon Bunger	DT	6-2	240	Sr.	Hildreth, NE
33	Dave Burke	CB	5-10	190	Sr.	Layton, UT
37	Chris Carr	S	6-1	195	So.	Wellfleet, NE
31	Charlie Cartwright	M	5-9	195	So.	Olathe, KS
24	Dan Casterline	FB	5-10	200	Jr.	Evergreen, CO
10	Bret Clark	S	6-3	200	Sr.	Nebraska City, NE
54	Mark Cooper	C	6-1	230	So.	Lincoln, NE
46	Chad Daffer	LB	6-0	230	Jr.	Nebraska City, NE
51	Mark Daum	LB	6-3	235	Sr.	Dix, NE
98	Dave Dietz	TE	6-1	225	Jr.	Lincoln, NE
59	Jim Dittmer	OT	6-3	255	Jr.	Crete, NE
22	Doug DuBose	IB	5-11	185	So.	Uncasville, CT
6	Todd Fisher	S	6-0	185	Jr.	Omaha, NE
30	Steve Forch	LB	6-1	220	So.	Lincoln, NE
80	Todd Frain	TE	6-2	230	Jr.	Treynor, IA
86	Jason Gamble	SE	5-11	175	Fr.	Santa Barbara, CA
	Paul Gangwish	DE	6-1	215	Sr.	Gibbon, NE
52	Ken Graeber	MG	6-2	245	Sr.	Minneapolis, MN
5	Ricky Greene	CB	5-9	180	Sr.	Seminole, TX
58	Harry Grimminger	OG	6-3	265	Sr.	Grand Island, NE
11	Neil Harris	CB	6-0	190	Sr.	Kansas City, KS
	Micah Heibel	FB	6-1	215	So.	Lincoln, NE
45	John Heinzman	FB	5-11	210	So.	Omaha, NE
94	Brian Hiemer	TE	6-3	215	Sr.	Shelby, NE
59	Mike Hoefler	OG	6-4	225	So.	Norfolk, NE
43	Tony Holloway	LB	6-2	195	Jr.	Bellevue, NE
32	Thurman Hoskins	IB	5-11	200	So.	Turney, MO
64	Brad Johnson	OT	6-3	265	So.	Omaha, NE
98	Lee Jones	DT	6-0	230	So.	Omaha, NE
49	Ken Kaelin	FB	5-10	210	So.	Westerville, NE
88	Scott Kimball	SE	6-0	195	Sr.	Camarillo, CA
37	Bob Kingston	IB	5-11	190	Jr.	Fremont, NE
44	Mike Knox	LB	6-2	230	Sr.	Castle Rock, CO
68	Bill Lewis	C	6-6	270	Jr.	Sioux City, Iowa
66	Kevin Lightner	OG	6-1	260	Fr.	Hastings, NE
23	Roger Lindstrom	WB	5-10	195	Jr.	Oakland, NE
48	Scott Livingston	K	6-2	210	Sr.	Lakewood, CA
78	Bill Macias	OT	6-4	240	So.	Huntington Beach, CA
72	Rob Maggard	OT	6-3	265	So.	Olathe, KS
2	Mike McCashland	M	6-1	200	Sr.	Lincoln, NE
61	John McCormick	OG	6-0	250	So.	Omaha, NE
40	Dan McCoy	LB	5-11	210	Jr.	Omaha, NE
21	Paul Miles	IB	5-10	200	Jr.	Princeton, NJ
77	Tom Morrow	OT	6-3	260	Sr.	Lincoln, NE
41	Marc Munford	LB	6-2	225	So.	Littleton, CO
55	John Nichols	C	6-2	260	So.	Littleton, CO
56	Jack Noel	C	6-1	235	Jr.	Lincoln, NE
97	Danny Noonan	DT	6-3	260	So.	Lincoln, NE
63	Todd Olson	OG	6-0	255	So.	Grand Island, NE
67	Greg Orton	OG	6-1	260	Sr.	Nebraska City, NE
9	Woody Paige	CB	5-8	165	Jr.	San Francisco, CA
74	Stan Parker	OG	6-4	240	So.	Bellevue, NE
35	Kevin Parsons	LB	6-2	230	So.	Springfield, MO
18	Brian Pokorny	CB	5-10	175	Sr.	Bellwood, NE
36	Scott Porter	FB	6-0	220	Sr.	Nebraska City, NE
34	Todd Proffitt	LB	6-0	235	Jr.	Hartford, CT
26	Tom Rathman	FB	6-1	235	Jr.	Grand Island, NE
84	Gregg Reeves	DE	6-3	215	Jr.	Wahoo, NE
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85	Robb Schnitzler	SE	5-9	170	So.	Battle Creek, NE
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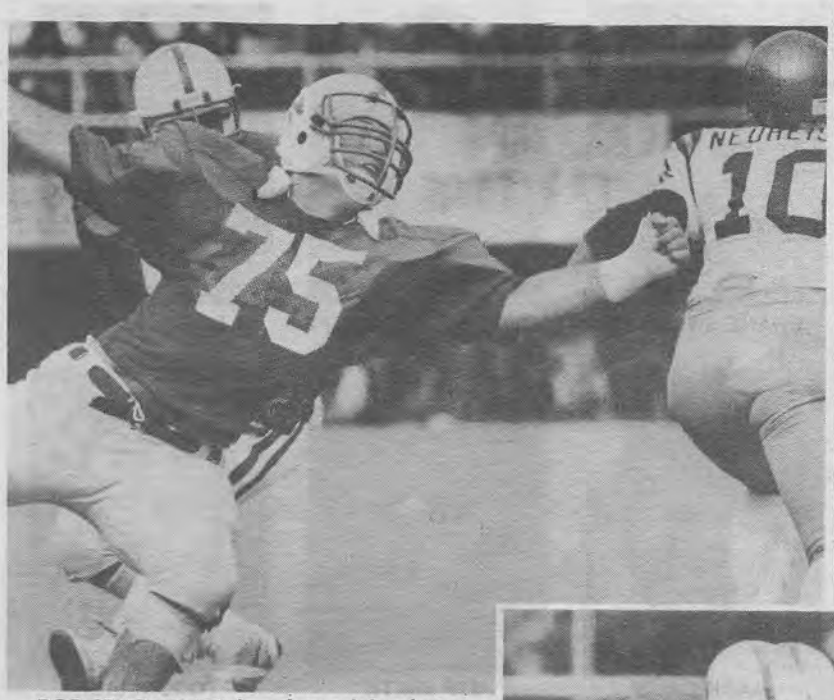
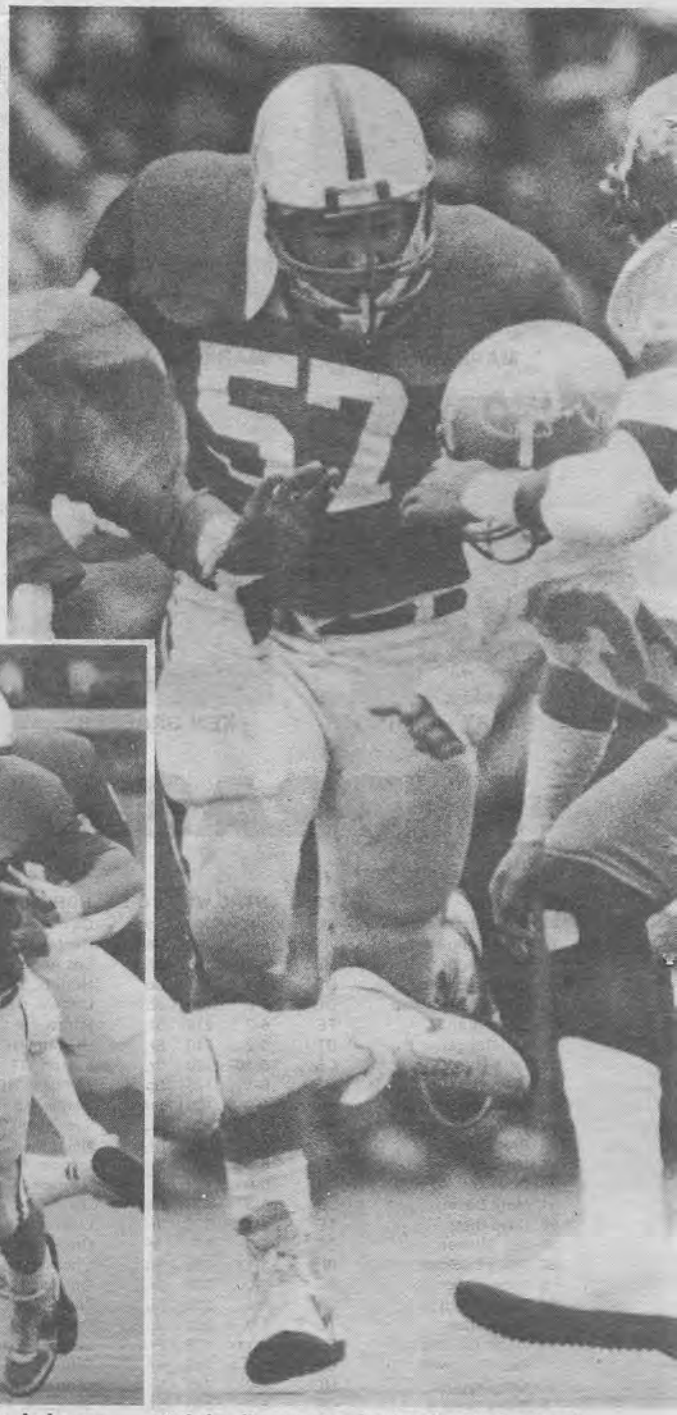
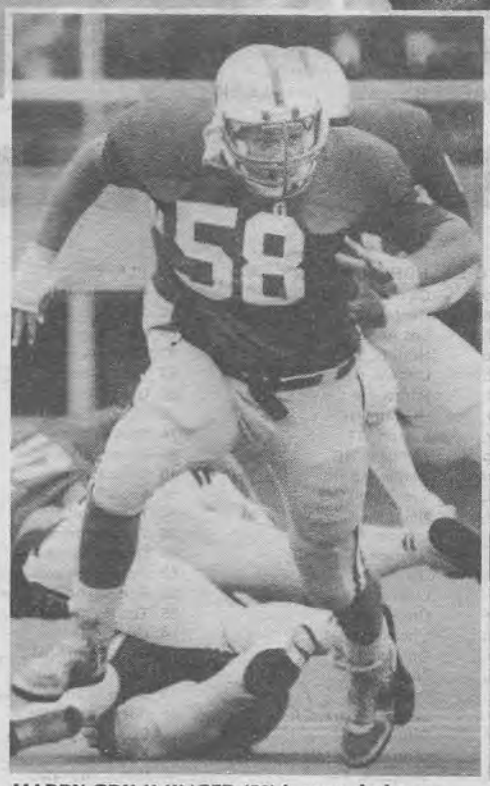
27	Dennis Watkins	CB	5-11	180	Jr.	Chicago, IL
87	Bill Weber	DE	6-2	210	Sr.	Lincoln, NE
	Scott Weber	C	6-2	260	Jr.	Columbus, NE
69	Tom Welter	OT	6-4	255	So.	Yankton, SD
66	John White	MG	6-1	235	Jr.	Lincoln, NE
47	Dan Wingard	K	6-1	200	Jr.	Omaha, NE
91	Rod Yates	SE	6-0	180	Sr.	Sioux City, IA
78	Mike Zierke	DT	6-3	240	Sr.	Pierce, NE



ROB STUCKEY (75) is a determining factor in the Husker's defensive wall.



NU's leading contender for the Outland and the Lombardi is MARK TRAYNOWICZ (57).



HARRY GRIMMINGER (58) is regarded as an legitimate All Big Eight candidate.

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190) and junior Travis Turner (6-2, 205), the two quarterbacks on whom Nebraska's chances for another title ride.

"I'd say if we continue to progress and don't go backwards, we have a chance to be 7-0, or 6-1, or whatever it takes to win the Big Eight," said Sundberg, who had what Osborne calls a "reasonably good spring overall" compared to Turner's "exceptionally good spring" that netted a scholarship after the spring game.

Everybody's going to be out to get us this year," Turner said. "We may not score every two or three plays like last year, but I don't see any reason why we can't get back to Miami. We've got a great line and awesome running backs. We'll get in the end zone and that's the bottom line."

Sundberg will try to rebuild an offense with a different engine. He knows it'll look different and run different. He just hopes the results will be the same. "We most definitely have to take a different route," Sundberg said. "It's going to take more plays to get to the goal line this year. But I still think we can get there."

So does Osborne, who is more confident than you'd ever guess about an offense that returns only three starters—All-Big Eight center Mark Traynowicz (6-6, 265), offensive left guard Harry Grimminger (6-3, 265) and offensive left tackle Mark Behning (6-6, 290).

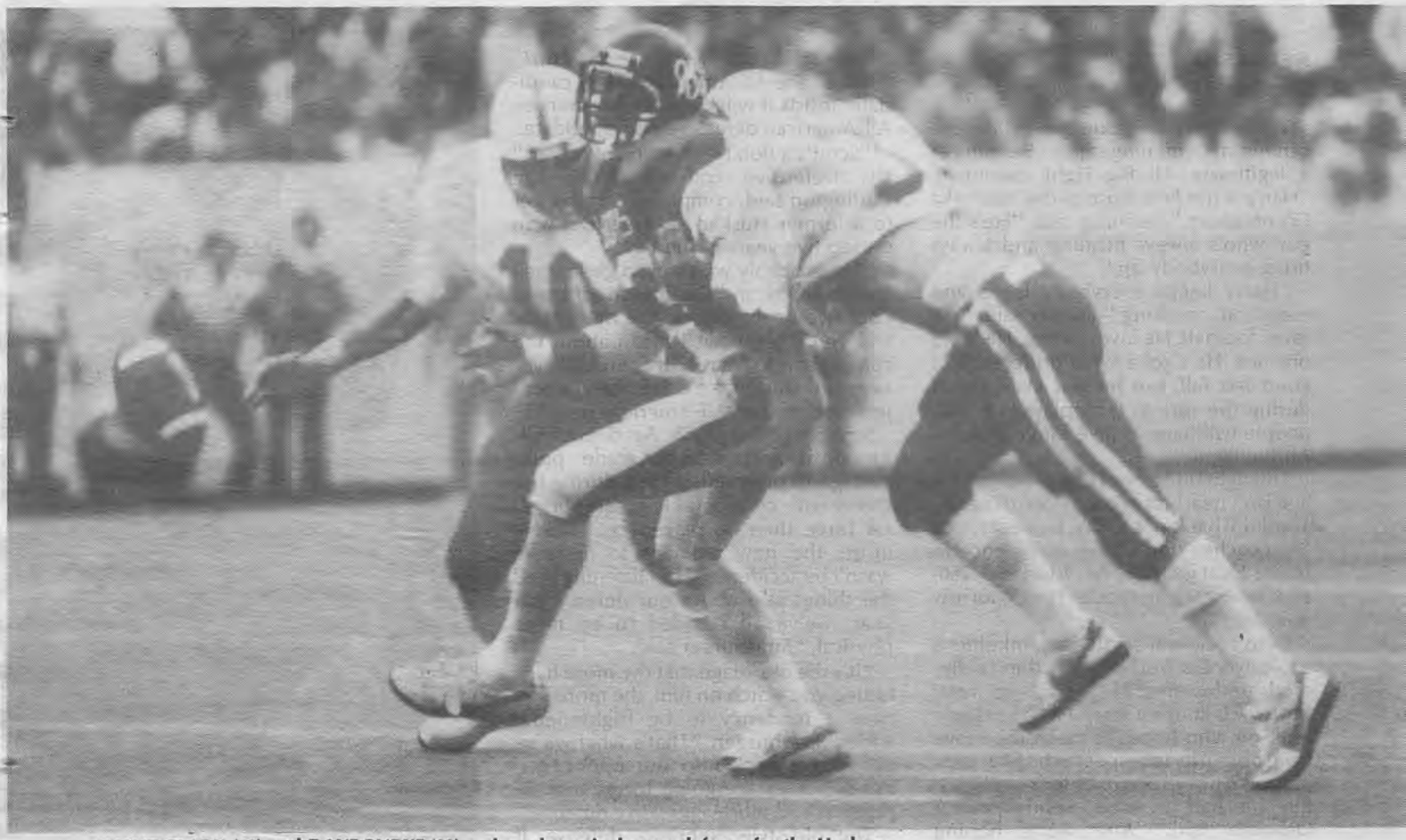
Part of Osborne's optimism is rooted in two players he considers 50 percent starters last year and All-Big Eight candidates this year—I-back Jeff Smith (5-9, 195) and fullback Tom Rathman (6-1, 235).

Smith showed the nation what he could do under pressure. With Rozier sidelined by an injury, he rushed for 99 yards on 9 carries and scored two fourth-quarter touchdown in the 31-30 Orange Bowl loss to Miami. His second touchdown was a 24-yard run around right end on a fourth-down situation with 57 seconds remaining.

Smith, a senior from Wichita, Kan., has been waiting patiently for his season in the sun and this fall, he finally gets it after a spring in which he impressed all of his coaches and teammates. "I think Jeff Smith has the potential to be just as good as Mike Rozier," offered Rathman, a man Osborne considers the equal of Schellen.

"Smitty won't get all the pre-season hype, but people will start to notice," said Behning. "Nobody needs to push him. He'll get his own ink when he starts racking up 100- and 200-yard games. Everyone knows Jeff's a fantastic break-away runner. He's got moves coming out of his ears."

Smith, an equally dangerous punt returner, won't have to carry the load by himself. Behind him, the Huskers have two I-backs who could start for dozens of good major college football teams—junior Paul Miles (5-10, 200) and sopho-



BRENT CLARK (10) and DAVE BURKE (33) make a dynamic duo on defense for the Huskers.

more Doug DuBose (5-11, 185).

Both have :04.4-type speed in the 40 and love contact. Because Smith isn't as big or as strong as Rozier, "it may be hard for Jeff to carry the ball 30 times a game without relief," Osborne said. "Jeff's a very good player. But we think Miles is ready to play and so is DuBose."

Nebraska is no stranger to the three I-back system. "When Roger Craig was a sophomore, I believe he had around 800 yards rushing as a third-team I-back," Osborne said, recalling also that I. M. Hipp and Rick Berns had 1,000 yard rushing seasons in the same year.

"I assume Smith, Miles and DuBose will all play." Osborne said. "A lot of it depends on the nature of the games and injuries, But I think if you're going to have three really good players at one position, I-back is the place to have them."

The Huskers aren't nearly as deep in the other skilled positions where senior Scott Kimball (6-0, 195) has a clear-cut edge at split end, senior Shane Swanson (5-9, 200) has a clear-cut edge at wingback and senior Brian Hiemer (6-3, 215) has a slight edge over junior Todd Frain (6-2, 230) at tight end.

Osborne considers Kimball a returning starter because he alternated with Ricky Simmons last year. Swanson also played extensively, spelling Fryar even in clutch situations.

Although Swanson isn't slow, in no way can he match Fryar's electrifying speed. He hopes to compensate for that deficiency with a tenacity to make the tough catch in heavy traffic and a wholesale commitment to the team.

"Last year, 'The Scoring Explosion' was nice for the fans. But it kind of separated everybody else," Swanson said. "It's not like this year. We're a lot closer as a unit."

An example of that unity can be found in Behning, the senior offensive tackle who ignores former Outland winner Dave Rimington's endorsement as an All-American and Outland candidate himself. "I'm not a legitimate All-American candidate. I didn't even make All-Big Eight," Behning said. "I'm the strongest offensive lineman we've got. I've got the tools, but I haven't sharpened 'em yet."

After taking that giant step between potential and performance last year, Mark Behning is taking an even greater leap this year. He's bridging the gap between the team and his own ego. "I've changed the way I think about football," he said. "It was all me before. But being around guys like Mark Traynowicz, Harry Grimminger, Ken Graeber and Rob Stuckey changes you. You still have personal goals. But they're all related to the team."

Traynowicz is the embodiment of that philosophy. But it'll be difficult for him to maintain the rather low profile he enjoyed in his first year as Rimington's successor.

During the spring, NU coaches already started pushing for him to become the school's fourth consecutive Outland Award winner, following two by Rimington and one by Steinkuhler.

"Mark was All-Big Eight last year and he should be All-American this year," said Clete Fischer, Nebraska's veteran offensive line coach. "That should make him a contender for the Outland and Lombardi right there."

Milt Tenopir, NU's other offensive line coach, offers a similar endorsement. "Mark's a different type player than Rimington or Steinkuhler," he said. "But he has the tools, the consistency, the intelligence and the ability to just mash people. The pros love his size. He has as much going for him as those other two did."

Rimington thinks he has more. "A lot of doors are open for Mark right now," he said. "He's a lot taller than I am and can play tackle as well as center. His value to the pros is better than mine. It'd be tough to win another Outland. But he has the talent. He can do it."

Steinkuhler is another high-powered Traynowicz supporter. "Center's the hardest position to learn at Nebraska and Mark made the switch look smooth in one year," he pointed out. "That takes an incredible athlete. He definitely has the talent to win the Outland."

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While Traynowicz fits the All American mold, Grimminger joins Behning as a legitimate All Big Eight candidate. "Harry is the Pete Rose of the Nebraska Cornhuskers," Behning said. "He's the guy who's always hustling and always firing everybody up."

"Harry keeps everybody loose and everybody working," Fischer said. "He loves football. He loves games. He loves practice. He's got a lot of pride. He was good last fall, but he was exceptional during the spring. If he plays like that, people will have to give him a look for All-Big Eight."

The right side of the Huskers' offensive line isn't nearly as experienced or nearly as solid. That is not to say, however, that NU coaches don't have confidence in senior right guard Greg Orton (6-1, 260) and senior right tackle Tom Morrow (6-3, 260).

Orton cannot match Steinkuhler's explosiveness. But he's played and delivered under fire in a back-up role. Morrow is another story. He's the classic walk-on who hopes to make the move from obscurity to respect in his fifth year. "Orton's not in Steinkuhler's category. But he had a good, solid spring," Osborne said. "And we're hoping Morrow does what Scott Raridon did last year. He had never played that well before and it all sort of came together for him.

"Obviously, we don't have as much speed in the offensive line," Osborne said. "But we've got a lot of good players. They played much better overall in the spring than I thought they would."

The same was true of the Husker defense and Osborne made sure he credited the effort. In May, Nebraska's head coach analyzed why he thought the defense started so fast and finished so slow last season.

"There was an injury factor, a fatigue factor and a confidence factor," Osborne said. "It kept getting mentioned that our defense was not any good and that plays on your mind.

"Our offense was moving the ball and scoring a lot of points last year and our defense began to develop a little problem of self-concept. It started working on 'em and they didn't play up to par."

The difference was dramatic. "The first half of last season, the defense played better than I thought they could play," Osborne said. "We knew our most talented and experienced players were on offense. "But the way we played on defense the last half of the season was disappointing. We should have gotten better, but went downhill. No progress. If anything, we got worse. This year, we hope to get better and stay there."

McBride asks the question: "Will the real Nebraska defense please stand up?"

Clark, the All-American safety candidate, insists it will. So does Strasburger, All-American defensive end candidate.

"Scott's a Bob Martin type of player," NU Defensive End Coach George Carlington said, comparing Strasburger to a former Husker All-American who started five years in the NFL.

"He probably won't even get a smell for All-American," Darlington admitted. "But five or six plays in the right game and you'll see what I mean about the comparison to Martin. If Scott had ever been red-shirted, we'd definitely be projecting him as an All-American now."

Strasburger, a 1983 Academic All-American with a 3.82 grade point average in pre-med, played during the spring with considerably greater physical force than he played last fall. He insists the new element to his style wasn't by accident. "After listening to all the things said about our defense last year, we've all decided to be more physical," Strasburger said.

"It's the old adage that the more hard hitting you watch on film, the more you have a tendency to be frightened," added Strasburger. "That's what we've got to get back into our opponents' minds— they are going to see a more physical and more aggressive defense."

The old-style Nebraska defense, if you will.

There wasn't a Nebraska coach or a player during the spring who didn't think Graeber epitomized the more physical style at middle guard. Even though he's one of three first-unit defenders who isn't a returning starter, Graeber was considered the Black Shirts' spring role model.

"There's no 'I' in team," said McBride, using Graeber as his primary example. "Really, I count Graeber as a returning starter. He was going to start the bowl game against Miami. But he wouldn't do it. Mike Tranmer was a senior and Graeber wanted him to start."

To McBride, that's sacrifice. "That's the kind of player Graeber is . . . one who thinks more of his teammates than himself. That's the kind of player we need," McBride said. "He's really intense. He plays hard every play. We've got to have players who never quit. We've got to have 11 of them every play."

Graeber admits the motivation was not difficult during the spring, "I definitely don't want another year like we had last year—where the press was always talking about what a great team we had except for the defense," he said.

"A lot of my close friends are on offense. But it was a clear-cut point that the defense held the team back. To be good this year, we have to have a really good defense." Although Graeber admits he's "not really qualified to judge," he's convinced the goal is reasonable.

SCOTT STRASBURGER (90) is ready to jump for a loose ball after a NU kickoff.

"All I can say is that it's bound to be better," he said. "We're one year older and one year wiser. College football is mainly experience, at least a good percentage of it is. We've got intense players who have been together a long time. We all feel we could have done a lot better last year. And this year, our goal is to prove it."

To Osborne, the $64,000 Nebraska question is simple—"Can quantity offset the quality of the five or six key players we lost?"

Last year, Osborne recalled, "We only had eight starters back, but people didn't worry because of who they were."

This year, even though the number of returning starters is almost doubled, "people tend to think of it the other way around," Osborne said. "They think we're starting from scratch and we really aren't." Realistically, "I feel we have about 14 returning starters," Osborne said. "That's counting Graeber on defense and Rathman and Kimball on offense because they did start or were equivalent to starters last year."

Add Scott Livingston, the Huskers' No. 1 placekicker and punter in 1983 "and we've got 16 guys with starting experience in the top 24 positions," Osborne pointed out. He's hoping that's enough to win another championship.

He doesn't mind a different script — as long as the ending's the same.

Jeff Smith
(5-9, 195, Sr)

Paul Miles
(5-10, 200, Jr)

Tom Rathman
(6-1, 235, Jr)

Scott Porter
(6-0, 220, Sr)

Craig Sundberg
(6-1, 190, Sr)

Travis Turner
(6-2, 205, Jr)

Shane Swanson
(5-9, 200, Sr)

Jim Thompson
(5-9, 190, Sr)

Brian Hiemer
(6-3, 215, Sr)

Todd Frain
(6-2, 230, Jr)

MARK BEHNING
(6-6, 290, Sr)

Tim Roth
(6-0, 265, Jr)

HARRY GRIMMINGER
(6-3, 265, Sr)

Anthony Thomas
(6-2, 290, Sr)

MARK TRAYNOWICZ
(6-6, 265, Sr)

Bill Lewis
(6-6, 270, Jr)

Greg Orton
(6-1, 260, Sr)

Brian Blankenship
(6-0, 260, Jr)

Tom Morrow
(6-3, 260, Sr)

Tom Welter
(6-4, 255, So)

Scott Kimball
(6-0, 195, Sr)

Rod Yates
(6-0, 180, Sr)

BILL WEBER
(6-2, 210, Sr)

Brad Smith
(6-3, 230, Jr)

Chris Spachman
(6-4, 260, So)

Danny Noonan
(6-3, 260, So)

Ken Graeber
(6-2, 245, Sr)

Kenny Shead
(5-11, 235, Jr)

ROB STUCKEY
(6-3, 245, Sr)

Jim Skow
(6-3, 235, Jr)

SCOTT STRASBURGER
(6-1, 205, Sr)

Gregg Reeves
(6-3, 215, Jr)

MARK DAUM
(6-3, 235, Sr)

Kevin Parsons
(6-2, 230, So)

Marc Munford
(6-2, 225, So)

Chad Daffer
(6-0, 230, Jr)

MIKE McCASHLAND
(6-1, 200, Sr)

Todd Fisher
(6-0, 185, Jr)

DAVE BURKE
(5-10, 190, Sr)

Dennis Watkins
(5-11, 180, Jr)

NEIL HARRIS
(6-0, 190, Sr)

Ricky Greene
(5-9, 180, Sr)

BRET CLARK
(6-3, 200, Sr)

Chris Carr
(6-1, 195, So)

DEPTH CHART

CAPS indicate returning starters.

The injury is gone and BARRY REMINGTON (40) is back to claim his fame on the strong side.

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McCartney is counting on to bolster CU's defensive line. And, no area needs more help than the Buffs' defensive front.

A year ago, the Buffs were at the very bottom again defensively in the Big Eight. During the Big Eight season, Colorado surrendered huge chunks of yardage in six of seven games: 571 to Missouri, 609 yards to Nebraska, 524 to Oklahoma State, 531 to Kansas, 423 to Oklahoma and 455 to Kansas. CU couldn't stop anybody at the line of scrimmage or apply any pressure on opposing passers. The manpower shortage was so severe at one point that defensive line coach Ron Vanderlinden had to start a reserve offensive tackle, Randy Hogbin, converted to defense just five days earlier. "You don't know how bad it was at times," Vanderlinden is now able to recall with a smile.

Beaty is a 6-1, 250-pounder who quit last fall because of a rash of personnel problems. He's a one-time offensive lineman, one of the 16 junior college recruits in a last-ditch effort by the Fairbanks staff at respectability in '82. The play of Beaty and sophomore Tim Stefan (5-11, 216), one of only three freshmen McCartney didn't redshirt last fall, at nose guard in the spring enabled the Buff coaches to try '83 starter Don Muncie as a tackle in the spring.

The most pleasant news, though, in the spring, was the play at tackle of junior college transfer Ken Lightner (Riverside, Calif., City College) and 6-7 redshirt freshman Curt Koch (Littleton, Colo.) Assistant coaches wanted to use Koch last fall, but McCartney held firm to a decision to redshirt the rangy Golden Gloves boxer who didn't play football until he was a junior in high school. Koch put on 25 pounds in his first year at CU, and will play at 245 in the fall. Even when the Buffs were ravaged from week-to-week by Big Eight offenses last fall, McCartney seemed unconcerned about his club's future in the defensive line, always pointing to Koch as the player he would build around. Koch's strength now is as a pass rusher. And, with his size, he isn't easy to throw over. He knocked down seven passes in Colorado's four intrasquad scrimmages.

Lightner (6-3, 265) is a Nebraska high school product (Hastings). "If you're looking for potential stars in this recruiting class, don't overlook Lightner," McCartney said on signing day in February. "When we signed Lightner we knew we'd acquired a good player," Vanderlinden said, "but we had no idea he would be as active as he's turned out to be." CU also has last year's starter at right tackle, one-time inside linebacker George Smith (6-3, 259) back for his senior season.

Colorado is deep in veteran linebackers, partially because of the injury to Remington, who was the state's most heralded prep player (along with Arizona State running back standout Darryl Clack) two years ago at Fairview High School in Boulder. Remington (6-3, 219) was far from 100 percent physically in the spring, but coaches are confident he'll be ready in the fall. He was sensational in the final three games of his freshman year (40 tackles).

Don Fairbanks (6-3, 222) is the other inside linebacker, after getting his baptismal as Remington's replacement last year. Fairbanks, returning outside linebacker Dan McMillen (6-4, 220) and inside backer switch outside Darin Schubek (6-2, 192) had perhaps the best springs of any players on the team. Schubek displaced Wayne Carroll, a returning starter at right outside linebacker.

There's a bonus in the linebacking crew, too, in Allen Chrite, a senior who is making a comeback after being dropped from the squad a year ago. He played behind Fairbanks in the Spring.

JUNIOR ILI (63) CU's find of '83 will be the rallying point on offense this season.

Colorado has had a tradition of brilliant secondary play for more than a decade now, and there is enough young talent there to indicate it will continue. There are eight ex-Buffs starting in NFL secondaries who were drafted in at least the top three rounds. Two-time all-Big Eight choice Victor Scott, a cornerback and leader of the Buffs secondary the last three years, hopes to be the ninth. He was the Dallas Cowboys' second-round draft choice this spring. Two other '81-82 Colorado secondary starters—cornerback Clyde Riggins and strong safety Jeff Donaldson—have also graduated to the NFL.

But there's no lack of competition for the jobs. In fact, the lone holdover, free safety Kent Davis, had a bad spring and nobody seemed to worry. Junior Solomon Wilcots, who plays with the same self assurance Scott had, moves in as perhaps the new leader at cornerback after two very busy years as a backup at three different spots. The other corner is expected to be J. C. transfer Lyle Pickens (Los Angeles Valley).

Another J. C., John Bennett (San Francisco City College), was expected to

be the strong safety, but ran afoul of McCartney's discipline and was sidelined half the spring. That opened the way for 6-0, 192-pound redshirt freshman Mickey Pruitt, younger brother of basketball guard Tony Pruitt and, in the words of defensive coordinator Lou Tepper, "a harder hitter than Donaldson."

McCartney is hoping he has one additional newcomer bidding for playing time at either cornerback or free safety. That's Tommy Streeter, a 6-1, 197-pound redshirt freshman from Miami's Northwestern High School. Streeter was CU's most heralded out-of-state freshman recruit a year ago. But, along with basketballer Michael Lee (Las Vegas, Nev.), Streeter didn't score well enough on national tests to gain admittance directly to CU. He was enrolled in an extension division program and ineligible for competition. Still, Streeter has impressed on the field.

"Streeter has as much potential as any young defensive back I've seen here," suggested Mike Bynum, a Buff safety in the early Crowder years and later a CU assistant after he had the Miami youngster on "loan" with the Alumni team in the spring game. "The results in the spring game were misleading because Coach McCartney lent us a young player like Streeter and we had a terrific secondary."

The questions on offense won't go away. Is it possible for CU to win with its current crop of quarterbacks? How acute is the lack of breakaway speed in the backfield? Will the young offensive line survive the demanding schedule?

The answers are no, not critical and probably not.

McCartney's spring endorsement of Steve Vogel, an off-and-on starter for the last three years (two games in '81, four in '82, eight in '83) didn't seem as strong as in the past. On national signing day, McCartney even hinted of possible future changes in CU's offensive scheme, with a new emphasis on the option running game so foreign to Vogel's talents. At the close of spring, McCartney said: "Vogel's a heady kid and when I was at Michigan, on the other side of the ball, I hated to go against the five-year quarterback. They always put you in the right place. Vogel's got the poise. He'll be alright."

But this is the same Vogel McCartney tried to replace late in '83. He went to then redshirt sophomore Derek Marshall, who quarterbacked a November win over Kansas, then suffered a shoulder injury against Oklahoma a week later that required off-season surgery. Marshall played in the spring, but seemed limited in his movements and did nothing to bolster his bid for the No. 1 job.

If anything, Marshall saw the gap between himself and Vogel widen and youngsters Craig Keenan and walkon Chuck Page, the son of former Oklahoma split-T quarterback Bobby Page, close in on him. Despite his career passing totals (209 of 464 for 2,480 yards and 18 touchdowns), Vogel could feel pressure in the fall from incoming freshman Mark Hatcher (Pasadena, Calif.), Bryan Osterhaus (Houston Cyphers-Fairbanks) and perhaps Tom Stone (Boulder Fairbanks).

CU's running back situation is more stable than at any time in perhaps half-a-dozen seasons. Fifth-year senior Lee Rouson, who has switched positions half-a-dozen times in his career, is set at tailback. Redshirt freshman Eric McCarty, a 230-pounder who was perhaps the state's most heralded recruit since Oklahoma State landed Terry Miller a decade ago is comfortable at fullback. Neither, though, has much speed. But Rouson, as unsettled as his career has been, comes in his senior year with 2,067 yards in all-purpose running, including 1,571 rushing. He seems more suited for the splitback alignment Colorado showed in the spring. McCartney probably would have been a starter last year, but was felled in early September by knee surgery. "It's really been encouraging to watch Eric's performance," McCartney said.

The only problem beyond a lack of speed is depth. It starts and ends with senior Daryl Johnson, the younger brother of Richard Johnson, who became the all-time single-season pass catching champion in pro football when he caught over 100 Jim Kelly aerials for the Houston Gamblers this spring. An incoming running back the coaches will look at early is Anthony Weatherspoon, a 6-1, 235-pounder from LaHabra, Calif.

CU's strength on offense clearly is in its group of receivers, assuming Alexander returns. Brown is CU's fastest player (4.37 in the 40). "Ron's the one real game-breaker we have," McCartney says. Brown's 21.5-yard reception average was bettered in the Big Eight by only Oklahoma's Buster Rhymes (23.3). While Brown offers the big-play potential, Alexander is probably a more steady contributor. He set a Colorado record for receiving yards (557 on 39 catches) as a sophomore in '83, with big games against Michigan State (100 yards), Colorado State (96) and Iowa State (95).

The best team depth may be at tight end, where two of the three freshmen McCartney played a year ago—Jon Embree (6-3, 204) and Ed Reinhardt (6-5, 220)—will share playing time. Embree the son of former Denver Broncos John Embree, is a spectacular receiver. Reinhardt is your typical tight end (at 6-5, 220 and still growing) and a superb blocker for a young player.

Good feet on the ground, good hands in the air make LEE ROUSON (48) a Buff standout.

The offensive line cast looks this way, with only 20 games starting experience. Tackles: CU will sink or swim with Ryan (6-3, 259, Hyannis, Mass.) and Harper (6-5, 265, Kahoka, Mo.), a pair of redshirt freshmen. "They're good young kids with a lot of potential," says offensive coordinator Gerry DiNardo, before sounding this warning, "I don't think you can get away with inexperience at any position." The backups are two other frosh who were redshirted in '83—6-6, 277 Jeff Glenn (Arvada, Colo.) and 6-4, 165 Joe McCreary (Unionville, Mo.). A junior college transfer who will get a long look in the fall is James Webb (6-4, 235, Butler County, Kan., Community College).

Guards: Senior Junior Ili, the offensive find of '83 and a starter in all 11 games, is up to 273. He's probably the team's top offensive lineman. Journeyman Shaun Beard has won the other starting job.

Center: Eric Coyle (6-2, 253) would have been a starting guard in '83, but was shelved by a knee injury. He answered S. O. S. call in spring to replace graduated 2-year starter Steve Heron.

Among its specialists, Colorado returns No. 3 Big Eight punter Allen Braun (40.0 average for 61 kicks) and is replacing Tom Field (10-for-14 on field goals) with Larry Eckel, used in the past strictly for kickoffs.

LEE ROUSON
(6-1, 204, Sr)

DARRYL JOHNSON
(5-9, 180, Sr)

Eric McCarty
(6-1, 235, Fr)

Rick Arnold
(5-11, 186, Jr)

STEVE VOGEL
(6-4, 210, Sr)

Craig Keenan
(6-2, 191, Jr)

RON BROWN
(5-10, 179, Jr)

David Tate
(6-1, 173, So)

ED REINHARDT
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JON EMBREE
(6-2, 210, So)

Jeff Glenn
(6-5, 272, So)

Tim Harper
(6-5, 256, So)

SHAUN BEARD
(6-1, 251, Sr)

Pete Shinnick
(6-3, 238, So)

ERIC COYLE
(6-2, 252, So)

William Gulley
(6-1, 250, Jr)

JUNIOR ILI
(6-2, 273, Sr)

Bob Lawrence
(6-3, 232, Jr)

Pat Ryan
(6-2, 252, So)

Joe McCreary
(6-3, 265, So)

LOY ALEXANDER
(5-11, 175, Jr)

Lance Carl
(6-1, 175, So)

DAN MCMILLEN
(6-4, 222, Jr)

Elton Jones
(6-1, 219, Jr)

Curt Koch
(6-7, 247, So)

Ken Lightner
(6-2, 254, So)

CALVIN BEATY
(5-11, 259, Sr)

Tim Stefan
(5-11, 221, So)

GEORGE SMITH
(6-3, 255, Sr)

DON MUNCIE
(6-2, 232, Sr)

Darin Schubeck
(6-1, 202, Jr)

WAYNE CARROLL
(6-2, 202, Sr)

BARRY REMINGTON
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NO.	PLAYER	POS.	HT.	WT.	CLASS	HOMETOWN
5	Loy Alexander	SE	5-11	173	Jr.	Dallas, TX
4	Tony Armstrong	WB	5-8	154	Sr.	Colorado Springs, CO
35	Rick Arnold	FB	6-0	189	Jr.	Downey, CA
64	Shaun Beard	OG	6-0	250	Sr.	Lake Isabella, CA
92	Calvin Beaty	NG	6-1	255	Sr.	Pasadena, CA
	John Bennett	SS	6-0	185	Jr.	Houston, TX
17	Allan Braun	P	6-2	190	Sr.	Boulder, CO
8	Ron Brown	WB	6-0	182	Jr.	Pasadena, CA
78	Mike Bubak	DT	6-4	240	Sr.	Lansford, PA
86	Greg Campbell	SE	6-2	175	Sr.	Greenwich, CT
2	Lance Carl	SE	6-1	178	So.	Fort Madison, IA
52	Wayne Carroll	OLB	6-3	200	Sr.	Pasadena, CA
47	Alan Chrite	ILB	6-2	215	Sr.	Detroit, MI
98	Todd Ciccarelli	DT	6-4	242	Jr.	Lakewood, CO
65	Dale Cogan	OT	6-4	280	Sr.	Roseville, CA
1	Morris Copeland	CB	5-8	162	So.	Miami, FL
69	Eric Coyle	OC	6-2	253	So.	Longmont, CO
7	Kent Davis	WS	6-2	191	Sr.	Miami, FL
3	Dave DeLine	KS	6-0	155	So.	Denver, CO
18	Larry Eckel	KS	6-0	215	Sr.	Lakewood, CO
80	Jon Embree	TE	6-3	204	So.	Englewood, CO
	Larry Etheridge	ILB	6-0	213	Jr.	Boulder, CO
43	Dwayne Faciane	FB	6-1	199	Sr.	Carson, CA
55	Don Fairbanks	ILB	6-3	222	Jr.	Lakewood, CO
47	Roger Fickling	OLB	6-2	189	So.	San Clemente, CA
16	Tom Gebhardt	CB	5-9	163	So.	Boulder, CO
76	Jeff Glenn	OT	6-6	277	So.	Arvada, CO
66	William Gulley	OC	6-1	260	Jr.	Houston, TX
72	Tim Harper	OT	6-5	265	So.	Kahoka, MO
41	Antonio Harris	DB	5-11	195	Sr.	Oakland, CA
	Fred Heath	P	5-10	170	So.	El Toro, CA
9	Barry Helton	QB	6-3	182	So.	Simla, CO
97	Chuck Hill	NG	6-0	220	So.	Rubidoux, CA
60	Tim Howard	OC	6-2	230	Sr.	Castle Rock, CO
	Jeff Hutchins	SE	6-0	178	Sr.	East Orange, NJ
63	Junior Ili	OG	6-1	254	Sr.	LaPuente, CA
33	Darryl Johnson	TB	5-5	180	Sr.	Denver, CO
81	Kelley Johnson	WB	5-8	155	Sr.	Carlsbad, NM
56	Elton Jones	OLB	6-1	215	Jr.	Dallas, TX
14	Craig Keenan	QB	6-2	191	Jr.	Islington, Ontario
95	Curt Koch	DT	6-6	228	So.	Littleton, CO
53	Miles Kusayanagi	ILB	6-2	230	Jr.	Covina, CA
39	Tim Lancelot	ILB	6-1	217	Jr.	Wheat Ridge, CO
68	Bob Lawrence	OG	6-3	220	Jr.	Evergreen, CO
54	Brian Lewis	OG	6-3	241	Jr.	Greensboro, NC
99	Ken Lightner	DT	6-3	265	So.	Hastings, NE
58	Reid Long	OG	6-3	220	So.	Fountain Valley, CA
62	Steve Markstrom	OT	6-5	230	Jr.	Fort Collins, CO
31	Michael Marquez	SS	5-11	171	So.	Arvada, CO
6	Derek Marshall	QB	6-2	190	Jr.	Novato, CA
32	Eric McCarty	FB	6-2	230	Fr.	Boulder, CO
57	Joe McCreary	OT	6-4	265	So.	Unionville, MO
50	Dan McMillen	OLB	6-4	220	Jr.	Colorado Springs, CO
	Bernie Meador	OL	6-4	250	Jr.	San Diego, CA
91	Don Muncie	DT	6-2	220	Sr.	Washington, PA
10	John Nairn	WS	6-1	170	So.	Ann Arbor, MI
71	Ron Nery	OT	6-7	237	Sr.	Meridan, ID
89	Hugo Nevarez	SE	5-11	186	Jr.	Downey, CA
15	Chuck Page	QB	6-3	172	So.	Englewood, CO
26	Lyle Pickens	CB	5-11	175	Jr.	Reseda, CA
	Dave Piepho	WS	6-0	195	Sr.	Longmont, CO
19	Mickey Pruitt	SS	6-0	192	So.	Chicago, IL
85	Ed Reinhardt	TE	6-5	220	So.	Littleton, CO
40	Barry Remington	ILB	6-3	219	So.	Boulder, CO
48	Lee Rouson	TB	6-2	201	Sr.	Greensboro, NC
20	Alvin Rubalcaba	CB	5-9	175	Sr.	Grand Junction, CO
79	Pat Ryan	OT	6-3	259	So.	Hyannis, MA
	Brion Salazar	FB	5-7	198	Jr.	Englewood, CO
90	Darin Schubeck	OLB	6-2	192	Jr.	Lakewood, CO
66	Peter Shinnick	OG	6-3	247	So.	Columbia, MO
36	Conley Smith	WS	6-2	195	Jr.	Tucson, AZ
96	George Smith	DT	6-3	259	Sr.	Waimanalo, HI
34	Sam Smith	FB	6-2	192	So.	Aurora, CO
94	Tim Stefan	NG	5-11	216	So.	Cleveland, OH
28	Tommy Streeter	CB	6-0	187	Fr.	Miami, FL
23	David Tate	WB	6-0	174	So.	Denver, CO
25	Dave Thistle	SS	6-1	184	Sr.	Indiatlantic, FL
	Kevin Underhill	SE	6-0	176	So.	Shawnee Mission, KS
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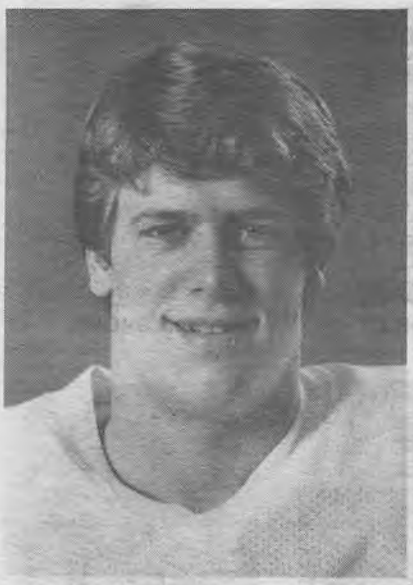
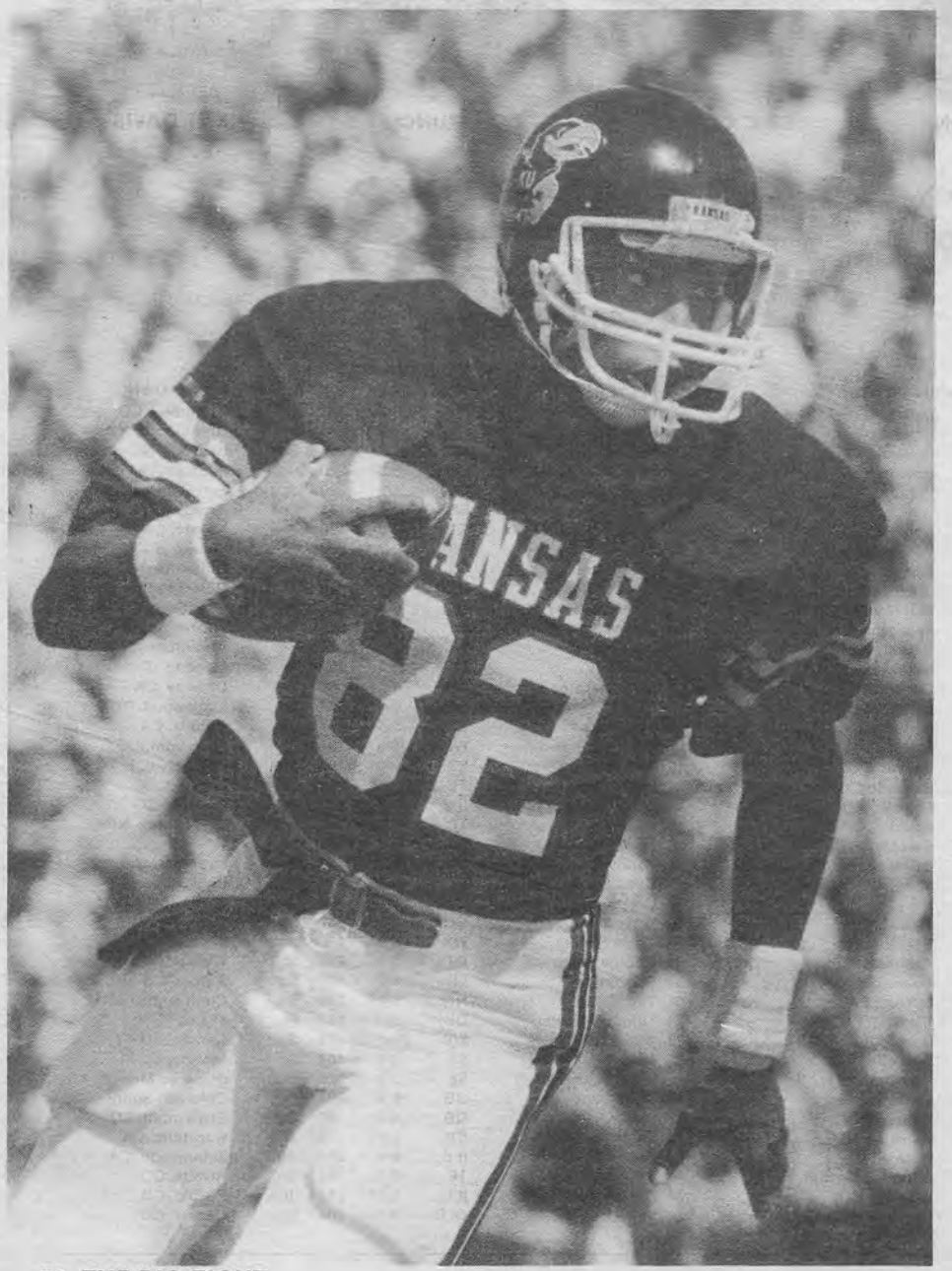
12	Rick Wheeler	QB	6-2	190	So.	Englewood, CO
29	Solomon Wilcots	CB	5-11	170	Jr.	Rubidoux, CA
	Paul Wilk	ILB	6-4	254	So.	El Segundo, CA
41	Troy Wolf	TE	6-2	192	So.	Arvada, CO
27	Dennis York	ILB	5-11	212	Jr.	Pueblo, CO
	Jim Zordani	OLB	6-1	204	Sr.	Denver, CO



MIKE NORSETH (7) promises to be the John Elway for the Big Eight. He passed for more than 4,000 yards as a Juco quarterback.

RICHARD ESTELL (82) averaged 17.6 yards per reception as a receiver last year. He has the talent to be even better being Norseth's primary target.



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classmen, most notably All-Big Eight linebacker Willie Pless, were making similar noises during the spring.

Will Gottfried acquiese? "Right now I'm leaning against it," he said at the end of spring work, adding that no decision will be made until this fall.

Kallmeyer, who was successful on 24 of 29 field goal tries in '83, will probably be replaced by Dodge Schwartzburg, a fifth-year senior whose sole varsity experience consists of three kickoffs in last season's Wichita State game.

Schwartzburg had the misfortune of entering school the same year as Kallmeyer, and has paid the price by biding his time as a redshirt (in 1981) and as the junior varsity kicker. "I think I have more patience than anybody I know," Schwartzburg said. "It's been a long wait."

The 5-8, 160-pounder from Ocala, Fla., kicked three field goals in the spring game, including a clutch game-winner with just nine seconds left.

"Kallmeyer spoiled me for life," Gottfried admits. "Dodge has to prove himself in game situations, and I think he will."

Mimbs, who replaced Kerwin Bell as a starter late in the '83 season, mainly because the 6-0, 190-pound senior is a better receiver, finished second on the team in both rushing and receiving. Mimbs doesn't have great speed, but he's a slasher and, as noted, has good hands.

Juco transfer Lynn Williams, curiously the best benchpresser on the team, adds solid depth. Williams showed some speed in the spring game by taking a Norseth screen pass and light-footing 60 yards for a touchdown.

Gottfried also must replace E. J. Jones, a two-year starter at fullback. Likely replacements are junior Charles Cooper, 6-0, 235, a converted defensive lineman, and sophomore Mark Henderson.

Four KU offensive linemen: Renwick Atkins, Reggie Smith, Paul Fairchild and K. C. Brown were selected in pro drafts earlier this year, and that should tell you something.

Still, Gottfried is high on guard Doug Certain, the only player who followed the KU coach when he left Cincinnati U. to take the Kansas job last year. Certain, a 6-4, 260-pounder, was the first name picked in a player draft held to decide the makeup of the teams for the spring game.

Quint Schonewise, a three-year letterman who has never started a game, will move into a tackle spot, if the knee injury that sidelined him all spring has healed. And Chip Schuler, a two-year letterman junior, takes over at guard. It looks like either soph Bob Pieper or redshirt fresh-

man Jim Davis will be the other tackle.

All in all, you can't rebuild an offense much more than Gottfried was forced to do. Obviously, the Jayhawks will have to come awfully far awfully fast to finish fourth in the nation in passing offense again. "We're young," Gottfried concedes, "but I think eventually we'll be a good team."

Everywhere Gottfried has been he has been able to fit the pieces together and assemble a potent offense predicated on the pass. But defense...well, that's another story.

In Gottfried's debut, the Jayhawks dropped a 37-34 decision to Northern Illinois. The wound was salved somewhat when the Huskies went to the California Bowl. However, no KU team in history had ever scored 34 points and lost. A month later, Kansas dropped a 38-35 decision to Iowa State. In other words, the two highest scoring losses in Kansas history were both played in the same season.

Kansas hit the century mark in rushing defense last season. The Jayhawks finished 100th in the nation in stopping the run. Why was no secret. Even though KU had two talented linebackers in Pless and Williams, the defensive front was dreadful and the secondary was stronger against the pass than the run.

"I think our defense will be improved," Gottfried says, "but how much I don't know." Gottfried has two reasons for thinking the defense will be better. One is the hiring of Vince Hoch as his assistant head coach. Hoch has a reputation for building strong defenses. He'll work hand-in-hand with defensive coordinator Ron Zook. Putting it another way, two defensive heads are, in Gottfried's thinking, better than one. The other reason for Gottfried's optimism is Jeff Anderson who, it appears, is the defensive lineman Kansas hasn't had for too many years now.

Anderson, a 6-3, 225-pound junior, spent all last season as the Jayhawks' third-string tight end, catching a grand total of two passes while the defensive line was a revolving door. "I wish I'd had enough foresight to put him at tackle last year," Gottfried said after Anderson was switched in the spring. "He gives you leadership, he has confidence and he's tough. He believes he's good.

"To think, we had him as our third tight end last year."

Coincidentally, another tight end will probably be the other tackle. In fact, Robert Tucker, a 6-3, 230-pounder, was named All-Southern Cal Conference tight end while playing at Los Angeles City College last season. Tucker was used at tight end on the first day of spring practice, shifted to the defensive line the second day and spent the rest of the five weeks there.

Can two converted tight ends make Kansas competitive against opposing rushing attacks? Well, they couldn't hurt, that's for sure.

Sophomore MIKE ORTH (15), who looms as Norseth's eventual successor, could be redshirted this fall.

Of the eight junior college transfers brought in by Gottfried between seasons, seven have wound up on defense. The lone exception is Norseth.

Kansas has some quickness, if not size, on the defensive line with returnees Phil Forte (6-3, 220), Eldridge Avery (6-3, 225) and Lyndall Yarnell (6-2, 185).

Junior Dino Bell, the last of the Jayhawks from Edison High in Huntington Beach, Calif. (at one time there were as many as seven ex-Chargers on the KU roster), will probably be at one of the corners in the secondary. Bell earned a hardship year after suffering a broken wrist in last year's third game.

Other veteran backs returning include Travis Hardy, Wayne Ziegler, Kevin Harder, Bill Vechiarrella and Derek Berry.

It sure wouldn't damage KU's suspect defense to have a solid punting game. In fact, it's almost imperceptible how far Kansas fell in that department last year. Spoiled by three years of punter Bucky Scribner making the All-Big Eight team, Kansas skidded to 102nd in the nation in net punting in 1983.

Clint Colburn, an eleventh hour juco recruit last fall, did practically all of KU's punting in '83. Colburn, however, decided not to return this year after averaging a high schoolish 37.3 yards a kick. No successor surfaced in the spring, but Gottfried held out hope for a freshman recruit or two to win the job. That is, of course, asking for a lot.

Not much, nevertheless, if you look at the big picture. Gottfried is asking for a whole lot in a lot of places. He has had to rebuild his offense, refurbish his defense and cross his fingers about the kicking game.

Nowhere does it appear Gottfried will be able to depend on a strength. KU's weaknesses are so glaring, to tell the truth, that it's hard to envision any preseason pollster picking the Jayhawks any higher than seventh place.

"Right now," Gottfried admitted late in the spring, "we're scrambling to put a respectable team on the field."

If Gottfried is poor-mouthing, in effect, to set up the opposition for the kill this autumn, then it is not readily apparent.

In previous head coaching jobs at Murray State and Cincinnati, Gottfried's teams never slid backwards in his second year at the helm.

It goes without saying, however, that if this year's Kansas team surpasses, or even matches, the 4-6-1 record of 1983, Mike Gottfried's name will be on quite a few Big Eight Coach of the Year ballots.

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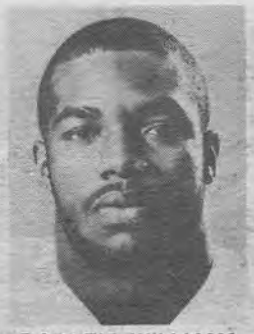

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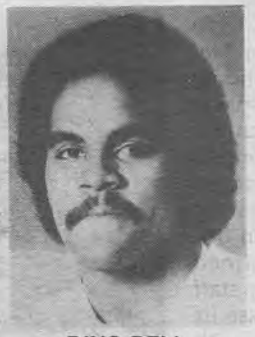

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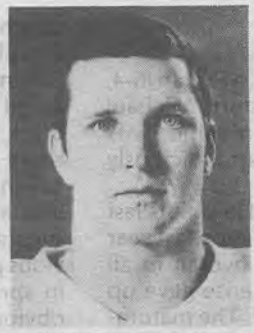

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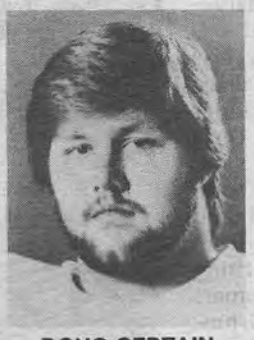

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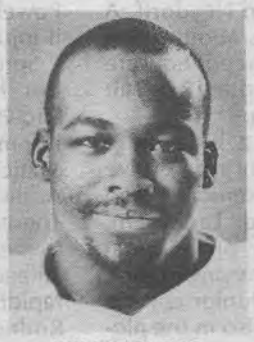

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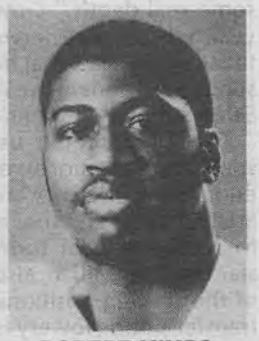

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29	Tony Berry	WR	6-1	175	So.	East St. Louis, IL
50	Marcus Bond	DG	6-4	265	Jr.	Newark, NJ
25	Rick Bredeson	FB	6-1	210	Fr.	Shawnee Mission, KS
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10	John Brunet	QB	6-3	215	Jr.	Fremont, CA
62	Rod Bunde	OG	6-4	253	So.	Topeka, KS
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74	Larry Conner	DG	6-3	255	Jr.	Kansas City, MO
53	Pat Connor	DG/LS	6-2	240	Jr.	Blue Springs, MO
35	Charles Cooper	FB	6-0	240	Jr.	Raytown, MO
70	Jim Davis	OT	6-6	245	Fr.	Leawood, KS
26	John Diggs	RB/LB	6-0	195	Fr.	Swedesboro, NJ
1	Jimmy Drayton	DB	6-2	200	Jr.	Elizabeth, NJ
12	Chuck Eanes	WR	5-9	175	Fr.	Salina, KS
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33	Arnold Fields	DE	6-1	190	Jr.	Los Angeles, CA
36	Harvey Fields	TB	6-0	200	Sr.	Arkansas City, KS
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91	Phil Forte	DT	6-3	220	So.	Raytown, MO
61	Guy Gamble	DE	6-3	225	Jr.	Compton, CA
51	Len Gant	LB	6-1	210	Sr.	Burlington, NC
16	Milton Garner	WR	5-10	175	Fr.	Kansas City, KS
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73	Paul Swenson	OG	6-4	245	Jr.	Osawatomie, KS
93	Rod Timmons	DT	6-4	240	Sr.	Los Angeles, CA
94	Robert Tucker	DT	6-3	240	Jr.	Los Angeles, CA
17	Chase Van Dyne	PK	6-2	205	Fr.	Shawnee Mission, KS
6	Bill Vechiarella	DB	6-0	175	Jr.	Overland Park, KS
85	Dan Vierling	DG	6-4	240	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
30	Alvin Walton	S	6-0	185	Jr.	Banning, CA
10	Brad Wedel	QB	6-5	195	Fr.	Canton, KS
79	Mike Werner	DG	6-5	230	Fr.	Topeka, KS
55	Darnell Williams	LB	6-2	218	So.	Kansas City, KS
22	Lynn Williams	TB	6-2	200	Jr.	Carson, CA
85	Lyndall Yarnell	DT	6-2	185	So.	Topeka, KS
18	Wayne Ziegler	S	6-2	190	So.	Nickerson, KS

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a rugged pair: senior Mark Morgan (6-4, 245) and freshman redshirt Michael Chase (6-3, 245). Keep in mind, MU coaches use the depth chart judiciously for motivation purposes.

The Tigers yielded just 119 points last year and were fifth in the nation last year in rushing defense, 12th overall in all categories. The stingy defense gave up just six TD's on the ground. The maturation of the line had a lot to do with that. "Up front, we're solid at tackle, we have some real depth," crowed Heydorff. A year ago, he was nervous about filling those positions. What he needs now are some good ends in the Wendell Ray-Taft Sales-Bobby Bell tradition.

The Tigers could use a little more speed and a lot more weight at defensive end. Junior Eric Troy and senior Lenson Staples may get the nod. Lanky Erik McMillan, son of former professional star Ernie McMillan, also is vying for one of the starting positions. Junior college transfer Bond Howery is also in the picture. He's "the physical type," according to Heydorff.

The Tigers could get a lot of mileage from a junior college transfer Gary Justis (Snow, Utah, J.C.), who sacked opposing quarterbacks 30 times last year.

The other area of concern is linebacking. The Tigers feature an ace in former running back Tracey Mack. An all-Big Eight performer, Mack had disc surgery during the off-season and missed spring drills. Finding a counterpart for Mack remains the No. 1 priority. Right now, two redshirts and a part-timer are battling for the berth. Mike Vestweber (6-2, 222) is in the picture, as is Sam Harris (6-1, 217), Buck Stinson (6-3, 219) and Mike Zurweller (6-1, 228) with a possible candidate in Bo Sherrill (6-2, 218). None stood out in spring ball, although Harris looked good in spots. Andy Rynard (a 6-1, 225 walk-on from Kansas City) has joined the fray and has caught the eye of defensive coaches.

If Powers is dissatisfied with the challengers, he could turn to two notable newcomers in Steve Vandergrift (6-4, 225) of Kansas City or Chris Jensen (6-2, 220) of Marshall, Mo. Both have the credentials to earn backup roles as freshmen. The same could be said for Darryl Darling (6-1½, 218 from Hallandale, Fla.).

The strong side linebacking job is up for grabs, but the defensive backs are time-tested, strong and quick. Heydorff says the defensive backs are his 'golfers.' "They are the guys who sink or miss the putt. Everyone in the stadium can see their results. We want more consistency in our secondary, we don't want to give up any cheap scores. "Like the golfers," says Heydorff, "the backs need deep concentration in high pressure situations." The head golf pro—or secondary coach—is second-year coach Chip Powell, who has some decisions to make.

Fundamental errors in the secondary killed Missouri last year. If the spring Black and Gold game is any indication, more work needs to be done. A tipped ball in that intrasquad scrimmage turned into a 63-yard TD pass. Powell says the secondary will have a 'six pack' in obvious passing situations. This was formed in spring drills, but the coaching staff obviously did not want to showcase its mechanism in the spring game, with Wisconsin and Illinois scouts watching. Powell is pretty set with his secondary—if injuries don't confuse the issue.

Senior Jeff Hooper (shoulder surgery) lost his cornerback spot to Wallace Snowden. The backfield also includes Jerome Caver at strong safety, Terry Matichak at the other corner and Anthony Frazier at the free safety spot. There's depth here. Ron Floyd and Cameron Riley made the switch from tailback to defensive back, and are rising rapidly. They are pushed by newcomers Rodney Shepard and Ron Mitchell, junior college transfer Tony Facinelli and journeyman Mickey Miller. "Take away the big plays (the long passes in zone coverage) and we win 90 percent of our games," says Powell. "We've got our work cut out."

A good defensive tool is punting. The

Known for his hard-nosed style of running and blocking is ERIC DRAIN (33).

MICHAEL SCOTT (99) and PAT BURNS (97) battling for the No. 1 position at tackle.

PHIL GREENFIELD (53) has experience and talent in the center. **TRACEY MACK (36) was the No.2 team tackler last year with 101.**

two-deep features veteran Adler, backed by Chicagoan Todd Richmond. Adler had a 38.7 mark, which could be improved upon in 1984.

There's reason for optimism with Missouri's offense. "I'm real happy about our offense," says coordinator Larry Beightol. "They (the players) feel real good about themselves, and about their chances."

Powers also says he feels good. The emergence of a number of tailbacks ensures that Missouri will not be strictly a pass-fullback oriented offense. The addition of potent tailbacks will give the 'I' formation more scoring dimension. "I like our confidence," says Powers. "Our line is opening more holes, and this impact will help the team this fall."

Last year, fullback Eric Drain led Missouri rushers with 685 net yards, but at the end of spring Ed Esson (6-1, 220) had displaced Drain in the starting spot. The position is further clouded by the emergence of Minnesota transfer Manny Henry, a gangbusting 210-pounder who can play both the tailback or fullback spot. That leaves the tailback job wide open.

Santio Barbosa had a so-so season, rushing for just 378 yards and three TD's, but he likely has lost his job to one of several newcomers: returnee Jon Redd, 190-pound speedster Herbert 'June Bug' Johnson or redshirts Darrell Wallace and Vernon Boyd. Wallace, called the 'Waterbug' is a 5-9, 170-pound back who can fly up and down the field. An ankle injury sidelined him for the spring wrapup. Johnson, a good pass catcher, had the best end of the spring performance and could be the starter. "I'm most pleased with the tailback performance," says Powers. "We want to start backs who also catch the ball well."

He also wants to avoid those menacing fumbles, part of the miscues that cost Missouri key wins in 1983. They lost the handle on 15 fumbles last fall.

The wide receiver corps is another source of pride. Veteran George Shorthose has the chance to be one of the best in the Big Eight. He snared 32 catches for 483 yards last year and could do better this fall. Sure-handed Andy Hill returns at split end; he'll be backed by Tennessee transfer Junior McBride. Tony Davis (6-5, 238) has won his tight end job by improving his blocking and attitude. He's hotly pursued by Joe Close and Pat Thetford.

Missouri will make or break itself with the proper decision at quarterback. Warren Seitz (6-4, 220) from Topeka Kan., claimed the job from fellow junior Adler (6-0, 183) from Winfield, Kan., but you can't discount Adler's performance last season. Adler was tops among all returning Big Eight quarterbacks with a passing total of 1,603 yards and a completion percentage of .583. That leaves the staff with a perplexing problem.

Two good quarterbacks give opponents more to worry about and to prepare for, but Powers prefers to go with one signal-caller. "I want to establish a definite team rhythm," he says. Still, Powers sees the strong point of each candidate. "Seitz throws the ball well and he's a runner. Adler protects the ball and he's good with third down conversions." Powers begged off any definitive choice. "We have to look at more film," he says. Either way, Missouri quarterbacking will be in good hands.

The Missouri line will need to blow some holes for runners and pass block for the quarterbacks. The staff thought they had discovered an offensive guard in Phillip Pettey, a 6-4, 265-pound, 24-year-old ex-Marine, but Pettey tore up a knee in spring drills, and his status is uncertain. Senior Nick Llewellyn (6-1, 266) will start at right guard, while left guard belongs to Mike Penny (6-3, 248). A pair of St. Louisans will open at tackle: David Kniptash (6-6, 278) and John Clay (6-5, 280). A strong backup is Dal Lockwood (6-5, 274). Beightol feels he can mold Clay into an all-American performer.

The center spot belongs to veteran Phil Greenfield, a 250-pounder who will be backed up by 230-pounder Craig Suntrup. Brad Burditt has a lock on the field goal-kicking job. Part of Missouri's success will hinge on the performance of the specialty teams.

Powers has been happy about the whole spring effort, despite the fact that cold and rain drove the team indoors numerous times. The spring finale was the best he witnessed in seven years. "We didn't have any fumbles, we didn't play sloppy. I'd say the competition was good on both sides." The ball's in his court, but optimism remains high.

"Sure there's a little Orange Bowl optimism around here," Powers says. "Our team wants to be realistic, but that's their goal. Some teams are shooting for the Super Bowl, the Rose Bowl—our athletes are looking towards Miami. "They've worked hard enough to know what it takes to get there. Nebraska and Oklahoma have lost a lot of players in graduation. We feel like we have the big-play players to battle for the top spot," says Powers. "Our image, the atmosphere around our program...The pride associated with the university and the football team is showing."

Beightol, Powers' top assistant who directs the offense, concurs. "Yes, after a while, the pride just starts to settle in. We feel more competitive, we're showing more maturing. Our concentration and enthusiasm have improved. Maybe this will be our year."

The Tigers have the depth and the talent. They need to go out now and get the job done.

GEORGE SHORTHOSE

ANDY HILL

JEROME CAVER

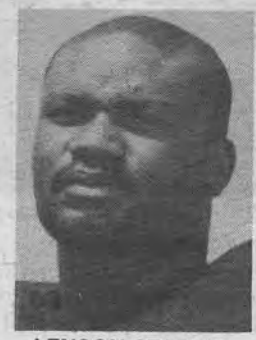
JOHN CLAY

ERIC DRAIN

PAT BURNS

ROBERT CURRY

PHIL GREENFIELD



LENSON STAPLES

MISSOURI ROSTER

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	HT.	WT.	CLASS	HOMETOWN
10	Marlon Adler	QB/P	6-0	183	Jr.	Winfield, KS
22	Santio Barbosa	FB	6-0	203	Jr.	Ft. Washington, MD
78	Marland Beaudean	DT	6-5	215	Fr.	Sikeston, MO
50	Dave Blackburn	OT	6-3	275	Jr.	Columbia, MO
41	Vernon Boyd	TB	5-10	190	So.	Camden, NJ
80	Neil Brown	FL	6-2	175	So.	Colorado Springs, CO
65	Walter Bruns	OG	6-3	251	Jr.	St. Clair, MO
7	Brad Burditt	K	6-2	197	Sr.	Monroe City, MO
97	Pat Burns	DT	6-4	261	Sr.	Seabrook, MD
16	Darren Carter	SE	6-3	185	Fr.	St. Louis, MO
70	Cory Cathcart	DT	6-3	242	So.	St. Joseph, MO
4	Jerome Caver	SS	5-10½	191	Sr.	Waynesville, MO
74	Dick Chapura	OT	6-3	256	Jr.	Sarasota, FL
59	Michael Chase	NG	6-3	245	Fr.	Cresthill, IL
77	John Clay	OT	6-5	280	So.	St. Louis, MO
81	Joe Close	TE	6-5	232	Jr.	Springfield, MO
66	Robert Curry	DT	6-3	264	Sr.	Arlington, TX
88	Tony Davis	TE	6-5	238	Sr.	Colorado Springs, CO
33	Eric Drain	FB	6-2	207	Jr.	Gaithersburg, MD
15	Chris Erickson	FS	6-1	189	Sr.	Kansas City, MO
45	Ed Esson	FB	6-1	220	So.	Oxford, CT
16	Tony Facinelli	DB	5-10	180	Jr.	El Toro, CA
25	Ron Floyd	DB	5-9	170	So.	St. Louis, MO
6	Anthony Frazier	FS	6-3	187	So.	Springfield, MO
83	Jay Frye	TE	6-6	230	Fr.	Taylor Ridge, IL
53	Phil Greenfield	C	6-1	250	Sr.	St. Louis, MO
	Thomas Hawkins	C	6-2½	240	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
14	Jeff Henningsen	QB	6-0	185	Fr.	Omaha, NE
35	Manny Henry	FB	6-1	210	Jr.	Evanston, IL
84	Andy Hill	SE	5-9	164	Sr.	Trenton, MO
13	David Hogan	DB	5-8	170	Fr.	Kokomo, IN
11	Kerry Holloway	QB	6-2	216	Sr.	Cape Girardeau, MO
21	Jeff Hooper	CB	6-0	172	Sr.	Roeland Park, KS
98	Bond Howery	DE	6-2	240	Jr.	Troy, OH
12	Herbert Johnson	TB	5-11	185	So.	Fulton, MO
89	Gary Justis	DE	6-4	215	Jr.	Farmington, NM
94	Rick Klohmann	DT	6-6	240	Jr.	Ballwin, MO
72	Dave Kniptash	OT	6-5½	278	Jr.	Chesterfield, MO
56	Steve Leshe	NG	6-2	255	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
64	Nick Llewellyn	OG	6-1½	266	Sr.	St. Louis, MO
78	Dal Lockwood	OT	6-5	274	Jr.	Colorado Springs, CO
36	Tracey Mack	LB	6-0	222	Sr.	Rock Hill, MO
20	Terry Matichak	CB	6-2½	190	Sr.	Joliet, IL
80	Adrian McBride	FL	6-0	185	Jr.	Zanesville, OH
47	Doug McGhee	DE	6-2	194	Fr.	Florissant, MO
86	Erik McMillan	DE	6-3	195	Fr.	Silver Spring, MD
31	Mickey Miller	SS	6-0	182	So.	Kansas City, MO
19	Ron Mitchell	CB	6-1	180	Fr.	Orlando, FL
28	Victor Moore	FL	6-0	170	Fr.	Bixby, OK
93	Mark Morgan	NG	6-4	245	Sr.	Golden, CO
12	David Morris	DB	5-10	165	Fr.	Mayfield, KY
1	Clifford Mundy	SE	6-0	172	Fr.	Miami, FL
52	John O'Driscoll	DT	6-4	230	Fr.	Palatine, IL
24	Brad Opel	SS	6-0	187	Jr.	Edwardsville, IL
62	Mike Penny	OG	6-3	248	Jr.	St. Charles, IL
69	Philip Pettey	OT	6-4	265	Fr.	Kenosha, WI
86	David Peyton	SE	6-3	185	Fr.	Fort Campbell, KY
29	Jon Redd	TB	5-11	192	So.	Mayfield, KY
2	Todd Richmond	P/K	6-2	195	Jr.	Lake Forest, IL
63	Jeff Rigman	OG	6-2	255	Fr.	Manchester, MO
48	Cameron Riley	DB/LB	6-1	191	So.	Metropolis, IL
92	Steve Runyan	DT	6-4½	245	Sr.	Colorado Springs, CO
	Andy Rynard	LB	6-1	225	So.	Kansas City, MO
60	Paul Savage	DE	6-2	212	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
82	Phil Schreiber	TE	6-4	230	Fr.	Kokomo, IN
99	Michael Scott	DT	6-5	275	So.	St. Louis, MO
8	Warren Seitz	QB	6-4	220	Jr.	Topeka, KS
18	Rodney Shepard	DB	5-10	180	Fr.	Hampton, VA
49	Bo Sherrill	LB	6-2½	218	So.	Rolla, MO
46	George Shorthose	FL	6-1	194	Sr.	Jefferson City, MO
90	Eric Sims	DE	6-2½	212	Sr.	Maywood, IL
40	Wallace Snowden	CB	5-9	188	Sr.	Hot Springs, AR
79	Bill Stachovic	OG	6-3	260	Jr.	LaPorte, IN
61	Lenson Staples	DE	6-4	240	Sr.	St. Louis, MO
57	Buck Stinson	LB	6-3	219	Jr.	Morton, IL
55	Craig Suntrup	C	6-4	230	So.	St. Louis, MO
85	Pat Thetford	TE	6-4	220	Jr.	Kansas City, MO
27	Ron Toben	DB	6-1	180	Fr.	Villa Ridge, MO
30	Eric Troy	DE	6-1	202	Jr.	Paris, MO
45	Mike Vestweber	LB	6-2	206	So.	Manhattan, KS
91	Scott Vollet	DT	6-6	231	So.	St. Louis, MO
43	Darrell Wallace	TB	5-9	170	Fr.	Fort Campbell, KY
23	Todd Wiese	K	5-10	177	Sr.	Algoma, WI
38	Thurston Winbush	LB	6-2	222	Fr.	Pleasantville, NJ
71	Chris Wright	OG	6-4	240	Fr.	Marceline, MO
51	Mike Zurweller	LB	6-1	228	So.	St. Louis, MO

Jon Redd
(5-11, 192, So)

Darrell Wallace
(5-9, 170, Fr)

Ed Esson
(6-1, 220, So)

ERIC DRAIN
(6-2, 207, Jr)

Warren Seitz
(6-4, 220, Jr)

MARLON ADLER
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GEORGE SHORTHOSE
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Clifford Mundy
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Joe Close
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Tony Davis
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John Clay
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Dal Lockwood
(6-5, 274, Jr)

Nick Llewellyn
(6-2, 266, Sr)

Bill Stachovic
(6-3, 260, Jr)

PHIL GREENFIELD
(6-1, 250, Sr)

Craig Suntrup
(6-3, 230, So)

Mike Penny
(6-3, 248, Jr)

Phil Pettey
(6-4, 265, Fr)

Dave Kniptash
(6-6, 278, Jr)

Dave Blackburn
(6-3, 275, Jr)

ANDY HILL
(5-9, 164, Sr)

Adrian McBride
(6-0, 185, Jr)

LENSON STAPLES
(6-4, 240, Sr)

Gary Justis
(6-4, 215, Jr)

Pat Burns
(6-4, 261, Sr)

Michael Scott
(6-5, 275, So)

STEVE LESHE
(6-2, 255, Jr)

Michael Chase
(6-3, 245, Fr)

ROBERT CURRY
(6-3, 264, Sr)

Rick Klohmann
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TERRY MATICHAK
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(5-9, 170, So)

Anthony Frazier
(6-3, 187, So)

Mickey Miller
(6-0, 182, Jr)

JEROME CAVER
(5-10, 191, Sr)

Cameron Riley
(6-1, 191, So)

Jeff Hooper
(6-0, 172, Sr)

WALLACE SNOWDEN
(5-9, 188, Sr)

DEPTH CHART

CAPS indicate returning starters.

KANSAS STATE

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Doug Bogue for five games and Donnie Campbell for one before giving Weber, who'd been sidelined more than a year recuperating from knee surgery, a shot.

"We probably didn't weigh his leadership ability enough," Dickey admits. "But regardless of what's said about that, we won one of four (with Weber). I don't place that much emphasis on winning and losing on one guy. Again, where I thought we were poor last year is that the defense never looked like it could shut anybody down. I like his supporting cast now on offense, but for Stan to be successful we have got to be better defensively."

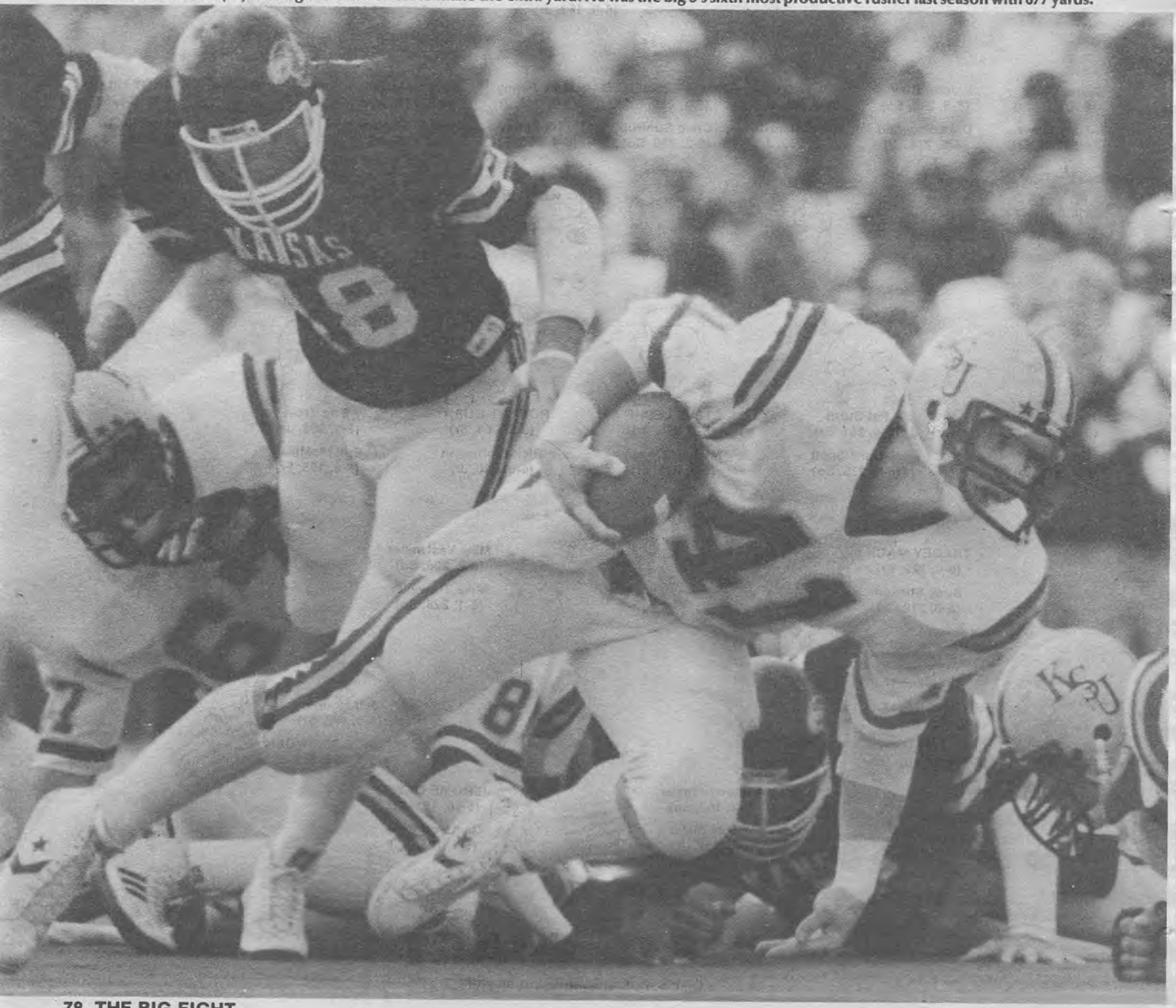
Weber (6-1½, 190, 4.75) is an adequate thrower, but excels more in the option game and that will be the bread and butter of the Wildcats' offense. But K-State will retain the dropback pass in the playbook because that's what the 6-5, 223-pound Campbell, Weber's apparent backup, does best.

Redshirt freshman Randy Williams also is in the quarterback picture after a fine spring. "He has tremendous poise under pressure, and a good release," says Dickey of the 6-1, 205-pounder. Perhaps Williams is Kansas State's quarterback of the future since Weber and Campbell are seniors. Offensive coordinator Jerry Boyce adds, "The thing that impressed me when I was recruiting him (in Florida) is that he brought his high school team from behind 11 times in two years to win the game."

Dickey has his offensive line where he wants it, composed mostly of fourth and some fifth-year players. "I don't know if you can win if you have a heavy dose of third-year players," says Dickey, who has been copying Nebraska's redshirt program to allow players (particularly linemen) to mature and add heft in the weight room. "I really think the offensive line is the best since I've been here. It has the best experience and size without any question."

Here's the way the interior of that line looks heading into preseason practice: T Tim Stone (6-5, 279, junior, third year), G Jerry Poole (6-3, 254, junior, fourth

GREG DAGEFORDE (41) making the extra effort to make the extra yard. He was the Big 8's sixth most productive rusher last season with 677 yards.



DAMIEN JOHNSON (68) shows classic blocking form to clear the way for GREG DAGEFORDE (41).

Quarterback position is now under control with STAN WEBER (12) as the man.

KSU's experienced starting lineup includes CALVIN SWITZER (70) at offensive guard.

year), C Andy Harding (6-2, 241, junior, fourth year), G Calvin Switzer (6-1, 260, senior, fourth year) and T Damian Johnson (6-5, 283, senior, fourth year). Jeff Koyl (6-5, 292, senior, fifth year) is among the beef not far behind.

"We've got better depth," points out Boyce. "There's not much difference in some of them."

The staff looks on Johnson as an all-Big Eight tackle. Stone has the least experience in that line, but as Dickey says, "He's a player; we lucked into him when he got out of the Marines." Harding is the smallest, but as Dickey says, "He's probably the meanest."

Tight end is probably the most solid position on the team with seniors Eric Bailey (6-5, 233, 4.8) and Mike Russell (6-3, 227, 4.8) expected to share the duty. Bailey's is a story that makes a coach feel good about his profession. "When he came here, he had the sorriest attitude I've ever seen," remembers Dickey. "He's really a good kid now. And Eric and Mike are premier tight ends."

If Wallace doesn't return, the receiving corps will lack a proven threat. Emerging in the spring to the top of the depth chart were former backups Gerald Alphin (6-3, 212, 4.5) and kick return specialist James Witherspoon (5-7, 149, 4.5). Not far back were sophomore Todd Moody, moved in from tailback, and redshirt freshman Todd Elder, the brother of the Kansas State basketball player.

"Elder was only there three or four days in the spring after moving from quarterback," says Dickey, "but he showed he can run with it after he catches it." Elder had a 49-yard reception in the spring game.

The kicking game is the least of K-State's problems, Steve Willis and Scott Fulhage will be handling the place kicking and punting, respectively, for the fourth straight year. Dickey just hopes that Fulhage, who averaged 41.9 yards last year, won't have to punt 60 times in 1984 ("We about wore him out"), and that Willis will have more than the 11 field goal opportunities—he hit seven of those. "If the defense comes around, he'll get a lot of chances," says Dickey.

Starting his seventh season at Kansas State, Dickey is itching to show that last year was a mistake, that the program hasn't slipped back into the doldrums of KSU's being a big underdog most Saturdays. "I'm fairly optimistic," he says. "I am anxious for the season to start. We're better than we showed last year. The coaches feel that way, and we feel the players feel that way."

Tony Jordan
(6-2, 205, Fr)

James Ricketts
(6-0, 191, Jr)

Lemuel James
(5-9, 191, Sr)

Rick Lewis
(6-1, 216, Fr)

STAN WEBER
(6-1, 190, Sr)

Donnie Campbell
(6-5, 223, Sr)

James Witherspoon
(5-7, 149, Sr)

Don Hanna
(6-1, 202, Sr)

ERIC BAILEY
(6-5, 233, Sr)

Mike Russell
(6-3, 227, Sr)

DAMIAN JOHNSON
(6-5, 283, Sr)

Rockey Dvorak
(6-4, 268, Jr)

CALVIN SWITZER
(6-0, 268, Sr)

Gregg Plank
(6-3, 253, Jr)

Andy Harding
(6-3, 241, Jr)

Elmer Schmitz
(6-1, 259, Jr)

Jerry Poole
(6-4, 254, Jr)

BOB BESSERT
(6-2, 263, So)

Tim Stone
(6-3, 279, Jr)

JEFF KOYL
(6-5, 292, Sr)

Gerald Alphin
(6-3, 212, Jr)

Todd Moody
(6-1, 195, So)

Grady Newton
(6-0, 211, So)

Sean Murphy
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KYLE CLAWSON
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Dana Dimel
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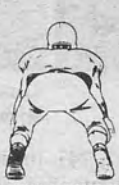

MARK NEWTON
(6-3, 262, Sr)

Curtis Hughes
(6-2, 295, So)

LES MILLER
(6-6, 280, So)

Kenneth Reed
(6-3, 259, Jr)

GREG STRAHM
(6-3, 220, Jr)

Dwayne Castille
(6-0, 214, Fr)

BOB DANIELS
(6-3, 238, Sr)

Tim MacDonald
(6-2, 229, Fr)

Jeffery Hurd
(6-2, 232, So)

Scott White
(6-1, 221, So)

Brad Lambert
(5-10, 175, Fr)

Rich Malack
(5-11, 180, Jr)

JACK EPPS
(6-0, 197, Jr)

SCOTT WENTZEL
(6-0, 196, Jr)

Barton Hundley
(5-11, 185, Jr)

Pat Hall
(6-1, 178, Jr)

NELSON NICKERSON
(5-10, 178, Sr)

Jimmy McCullough
(5-10, 186, Jr)

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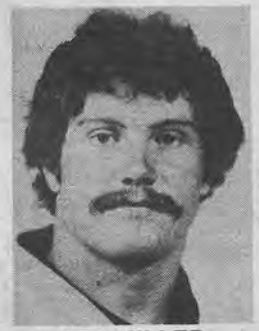

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KANSAS STATE ROSTER

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	HT.	WT.	CLASS	HOMETOWN
21	Carlos Adams	TB	5-7	181	Jr.	Atascadero, CA
18	Dennis Allen	CB	5-11	171	Sr.	Dallas, TX
86	Gerald Alphin	SE	6-3	212	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
17	David Ast	FS	6-1	185	Jr.	Haven, KS
82	Eric Bailey	TE	6-5	233	Sr.	Fort Worth, TX
40	Adrian Barber	CB	6-0	176	Jr.	Topeka, KS
63	Bob Bessert	OG	6-2	263	So.	Reedsburg, WI
	Barry Bowers	LB	6-1	216	So.	Winside, NE
4	Bobby Brandon	QB/FS	6-1	191	Fr.	Atascadero, CA
	Eric Busenbark	CB	5-10	177	So.	Larned, KS
11	Donnie Campbell	QB	6-5	223	Sr.	Lyons, KS
47	Dwaye Castille	DE	6-0	214	Fr.	Wichita, KS
91	Kyle Clawson	DT	6-4	221	Sr.	Ellinwood, KS
42	Don Cliggett	CB	6-0	195	Jr.	Warrington, PA
39	Charles Crawford	FB	6-1	215	Sr.	Hominy, OK
41	Greg Dageforde	TB	6-0	202	Jr.	Clay Center, KS
81	Bob Daniels	LB	6-3	238	Sr.	Valley Center, KS
80	Kent Dean	TE	6-4	209	Fr.	Derby, KS
79	Dana Dimel	DT	6-4	267	Jr.	Columbus, OH
92	Jeff Drouillard	LB	6-4	228	Jr.	St. George, KS
74	Rockey Dvorak	OT	6-4	268	Jr.	Chadron, NE
1	Terry Eisenhauer	SS	5-11	176	Jr.	Stockton, KS
8	Todd Elder	QB	6-3	197	Fr.	Tulsa, OK
26	Jack Epps	FS	6-0	197	Jr.	Shawnee Mission, KS
6	Iosefatu Faraimo	TB	6-1	243	Jr.	Oceanside, CA
15	Brian Farley	FS	6-0	193	Fr.	Leawood, KS
	Doug Fiser	SS	5-9	185	So.	Manhattan, KS
87	George Fowler	DT	6-2	242	So.	Cimarron, KS
2	Scott Fulhage	P	5-11	187	Sr.	Beloit, KS
89	Brad Fulner	LB	6-0	228	Fr.	Omaha, NE
	Bruce Garten	LB	6-1	203	So.	Abilene, KS
	Galen Gengler	OT	6-1	230	Jr.	Beloit, KS
35	Randall Godinet	TE	6-4	211	So.	Oceanside, CA
23	Neil Groom	SS	5-10	172	Sr.	Kansas City, KS
13	Pat Hall	FS	6-1	178	Jr.	Wichita, KS
	Don Hanna	QB	6-1	202	Sr.	Stilwell, KS
50	Andy Harding	C	6-3	241	Jr.	Kansas City, KS
64	Jeff Heller	OG	6-1	239	Fr.	Wichita, KS
62	Guy Huggins	OT	6-3	267	Jr.	Chickasha, OK
75	Curtis Hughes	NG	6-2	295	So.	Kansas City, KS
37	Barton Hundley	FS	5-11	185	Jr.	Clay Center, KS
93	Jeffery Hurd	LB	6-2	232	So.	Kansas City, MO
	Matt Jacobs	K	5-11	197	Jr.	Quinter, KS
31	Lemuel James	FB	5-9	191	Sr.	Kansas City, KS
9	Anthony Johnson	CB	6-0	190	Fr.	Wichita, KS
68	Damian Johnson	OT	6-5	283	Sr.	Great Bend, KS

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	HT.	WT.	CLASS	HOMETOWN
29	Tony Jordan	TB	6-2	205	Fr.	Rochester, NY
67	Jeff Koyl	OT	6-5	292	Sr.	Carlsbad, CA
	Brad Lambert	CB	5-10	175	Fr.	Hoxie, KS
	Kent Lauridsen	CB	6-1	177	Sr.	Baldwin, KS
28	Rick Lewis	FB	6-1	216	Fr.	Scott City, KS
38	Jimmy McCullough	CB	5-10	186	Jr.	Altus, OK
58	Tim MacDonald	LB	6-2	229	Fr.	Leawood, KS
54	Ron Macklin	OG	6-2	232	Jr.	Wichita, KS
	Rich Malack	CB	5-11	180	Jr.	Beaver Falls, PA
77	Les Miller	DT	6-6	280	So.	Arkansas City, KS
27	Todd Moody	TB	6-1	195	So.	Ashland, KS
90	Sean Murphy	DE	6-2	211	Fr.	Manhattan, KS
34	Grady Newton	DE	6-0	211	So.	Bonner Springs, KS
60	Mark Newton	NG	6-3	262	Sr.	Bonner Springs, KS
3	Nelson Nickerson	CB	5-10	178	Sr.	Dallas, TX
66	Brett Panton	OT	6-6	248	So.	Topeka, KS
36	Maurice Pearl	TB	5-11	193	Jr.	Parkville, MO
48	Stu Peters	LB	5-11	225	Sr.	Wichita, KS
65	Gregg Plank	OG	6-3	253	Jr.	Gardner, KS
53	Jerry Poole	OG	6-4	254	Jr.	Fredonia, KS
99	Renneth Reed	DT	6-3	259	Jr.	Wichita Falls, TX
44	James Ricketts	TB	6-0	191	Jr.	Derby, KS
84	Mike Russell	TE	6-3	227	Sr.	Marysville, KS
	Shane Saia	QB	6-3	192	Sr.	Silver Lake, KS
51	Charles Sander	C	6-2	258	So.	Topeka, KS
52	Elmer Schmitz	C	6-1	259	Jr.	Baileyville, KS
55	Ken Sewell	OG	6-1	254	Jr.	Coweta, OK
25	David Smith	FB	6-1	215	Jr.	Fredonia, KS
71	Tim Stone	OT	6-3	279	Jr.	Millerton, PA
45	John Stonner	TE	6-2	207	So.	Lenexa, KS
32	Greg Strahm	DE	6-3	220	Jr.	Hiawatha, KS
70	Calvin Switzer	OG	6-0	268	Sr.	Manhattan, KS
96	Todd Underwood	NG	6-3	262	Jr.	Colby, KS
	Keith Ungerer	CB	6-0	180	So.	Marysville, KS
69	Randy Voelker	OT	6-4	265	Sr.	Linn, KS
95	David Wallace	DE	6-0	204	So.	Vero Beach, FL
20	Mike Wallace	FL	6-2	175	Sr.	Fort Worth, TX
46	Dick Warren	FL	6-1	182	Jr.	Wichita, KS
12	Stan Weber	QB	6-1	190	Sr.	Goddard, KS
33	Scott Wentzel	SS	6-0	196	Jr.	Manhattan, KS
57	Scott White	LB	6-1	221	So.	Sarasota, FL
5	Randy Williams	QB	6-1	205	Fr.	Jacksonville, FL
10	Steve Willis	PK	6-2	194	Sr.	Shawnee, KS
34	Ray Wilson	TB	6-0	198	Fr.	McPherson, KS
30	James Witherspoon	FL	5-7	149	Sr.	Liberal, KS

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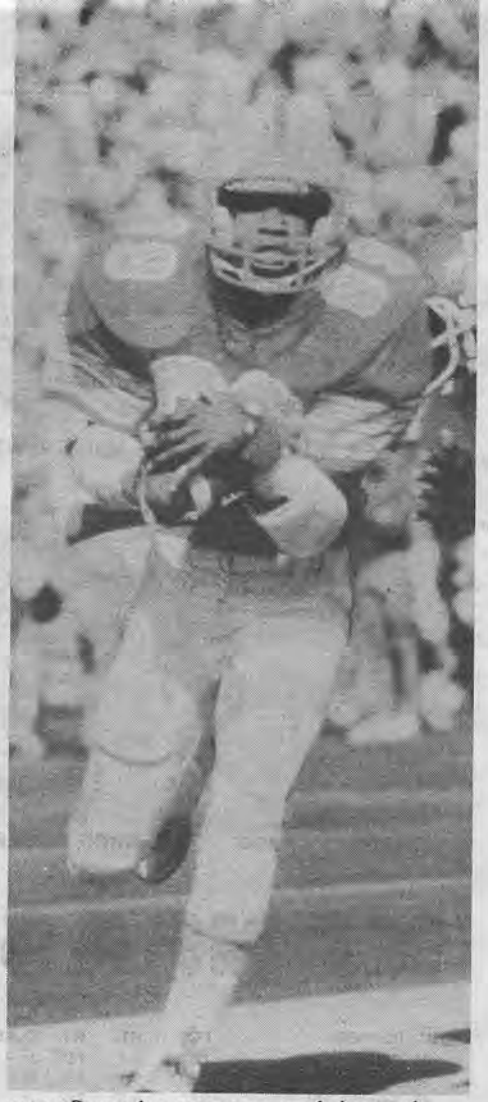
TRACY HENDERSON (89) is the first Big Eight Conference receiver to gain 1,000 yards.

STEVE LITTLE (73 in '83) helps the Cyclones have a solid defensive front.



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Jacobs was the league's No. 2 receiver behind Henderson, hauling in 64 passes in Iowa State's aerial-minded attack, many of the swing variety where he would dart for daylight. Davis should be extremely dangerous in a similar role.

But for the Cyclones to be more effective on offense, Criner is aiming for a better blend between the pass and the run. He wants it to be close to 50-50, whereas last year they threw for 2,717 yards and rushed for only 1,041.

Swift pass receivers are one of the team's strengths. Danny Gantt did such a good job at split end in the spring that he bumped Robbie Minor, last year's starter, down to a backup role behind Henderson at flanker. Tight end is another spot with no worries. Seniors Dave Smoldt—he's the other offensive co-captain along with Hood—and Brett Blaney are both good blockers and sure-handed pass catchers.

The offensive line was young last season, and still lists three sophomore starters, but a year of experience should make it a considerable force to be reckoned with. There won't be too many bigger ones in college ball. Average weight of the starters is a healthy 275 pounds. They will be anchored by two huge junior tackles, Kevin Eggleston (6-8, 317) and Bruce Westemeyer (6-7, 263). The guards are Vince Jasper (6-3, 253) and Scott Brandt (6-5, 272), with Todd Krieger (6-3, 268) at center. There isn't much flab on any of these players, either. Not after the rigorous weight-training regimen instituted by Criner in the off-season.

One of Criner's big worries a year ago after assuming command of the Cyclones was their overall physical weakness. The team's average bench press was a mediocre 225 pounds per man, and this has since been increased to over 300. "That is going to make us a much better football team all the way around," predicts the coach. "The weight program has made a new player out of big Kevin Eggleston. He's an entirely different individual now, developing the toughness you need to be a good offensive lineman." Criner thinks the emphasis on strength work will be most apparent on defense, with Iowa State fielding a team more capable of holding its own in the trench warfare.

Leaders on the defensive platoon are linebacker Lester Williams, a two-year starter, and veteran tackles Steve Little and Barry Moore. They'll serve as tri-captains of that unit. Junior college transfers will have the biggest impact here, because, as Criner says, "That's where we needed help the most." The three who nailed down starting jobs in spring ball were Perry Laures at one of the ends, Vernon Singleton at middle linebacker and strong safety James Newbill. Laures, Little, Moore and senior Jim Luebbers are ticketed to be the starting front four in a slightly revised defensive setup. The Cyclones are changing from last year's three-man line, which had a nose guard, two tackles and what amounted to five linebackers.

Missing from the defense will be a three-year starter at linebacker, Chris Washington, and he leaves a large void. But Criner expects Lester Williams to take over Washington's leadership role at an outside linebacker. He called Williams "The most pleasant surprise of the spring, because we weren't sure he could handle this position."

Singleton moved ahead of sophomore Dennis Gibson at middle linebacker, with Tim Iverson and junior college transfer Willie Everett battling for the other outside post.

Senior George Walker, another two-year starter, went from strong safety to free safety in the spring, making room for Newbill to make his presence felt. Kevin Williams and Joe Jackson, who won starting slots as juco transfers last year, are both returning. So the secondary appears to be in good shape. But such incoming standouts from the junior-college ranks as Anthony Mayze and

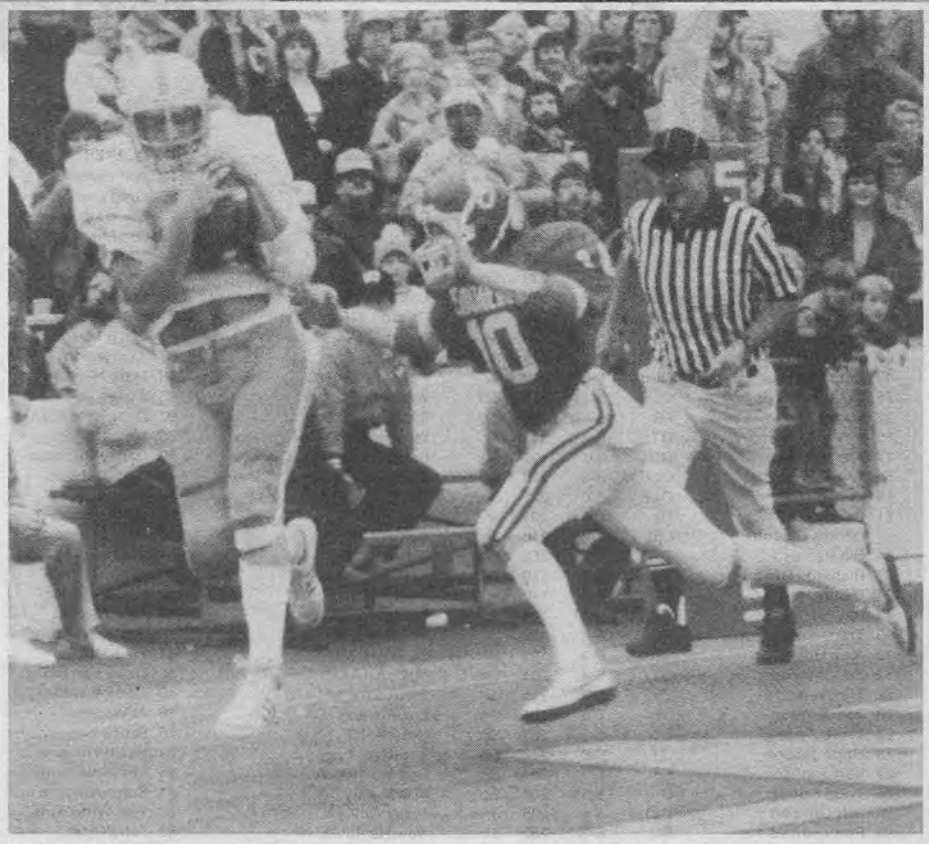
LESTER WILLIAMS (45) had 91 tackles last year. He's a lightning fast defender and is regarded as the big play man on the team.

GEORGE WALKER (40) is another two-year starter. He led the team with four interceptions during the season.

Lawrence Booker will press for playing time in the secondary. Mayze was an All-American at Hutchinson J. C. in Kansas and Booker was all-conference at Los Angeles City College. The same can be said for 290-pound offensive guard Jerry Quick, somebody else who wasn't around in the spring. He was a two-year All-Jayhawk Conference player at Butler County J. C. in Kansas. "Every junior college player we brought in has the ability to challenge for starting jobs in the fall," said Criner.

As for the kicking game, that needs some improvement, too. The Cyclones were among the nation's poorest punting teams last year with their 31.9-yard average. Doug Myers was the punter, but he'll obviously have to improve on that figure or surrender the job to sophomore Jim Thompson. Marc Bachrodt, who was 8-for-11 in field goals, will do the placekicking again.

Overall, Criner feels much better about going off to the Big Eight wars this season than he did in 1983, after arriving from Boise State with a classy seven-year record of 59-21-1. The potential for considerable improvement could be there. But with so much depending on unknown factors and untested quarterbacks, many pieces will have to fall into place for the Cyclones to improve on last year's 4-7 showing.



JEFF WODKA (83) goes in for the touchdown. He will be battling for the starting position in this year's line-up.

TOMMY DAVIS

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JIM LUEBBERS

BARRY MOORE

IOWA STATE ROSTER

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	HT.	WT.	CLASS	HOMETOWN
26	Kent Anderson	FB	6-1	191	Jr.	Bloomfield, IA
35	Terrence Anthony	CB	5-10	179	So.	East St. Louis, IL
8	Marc Bachrodt	KS	5-8	158	Jr.	Rockford, IL
53	Scott Benson	LB	6-3	242	So.	Omaha, NE
95	Bill Berthusen	DL	6-5	269	So.	Marshalltown, IA
86	Brett Blaney	TE	6-6	239	Sr.	Prospect Heights, IL
70	Scott Brandt	OG	6-5	272	So.	Clear Lake, IA
68	Mike Bruening	OG	6-3	246	So.	Ralston, NE
27	Greg Buttz	FS	6-2	188	So.	Ankeny, IA
60	Scott Camper	DL	6-3	236	So.	Manteca, CA
49	Ralph Conner	OLB	6-3	219	Sr.	Kansas City, MO
25	Anthony Davis	OLB	5-11	188	Sr.	Webster, FL
22	Tommy Davis	FB	5-8	190	Sr.	East St. Louis, IL
65	Kevin Eggleston	OT	6-8	317	Jr.	Memphis, MO
11	Alex Espinoza	QB	6-1	191	So.	Santa Fe Springs, CA
56	Willie Everett	OLB	6-3	220	Jr.	Bushnell, FL
14	Keith Fulton	OLB	6-0	221	So.	Garden City, KS
81	Danny Gantt	FL	6-3	201	Jr.	Cerritos, CA
57	Dennis Gibson	LB	6-3	213	So.	Ankeny, IA
64	Bill Hanley	OG	6-1	260	So.	Omaha, NE
37	Richard Hanson	TB	5-9	170	Sr.	LaPuente, CA
21	Danny Harris,	CB	6-0	170	So.	Perris, CA
43	Ray Harvey	FS	5-11	169	Jr.	Compton, CA
89	Tracy Henderson	SE	6-0	182	Jr.	Maywood, IL
12	Alan Hood	QB	6-1	195	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
62	Eric Huhndorf	OT	6-4	264	So.	Marion, IA
52	Tim Iversen	LB	6-2	215	Jr.	Sioux City, IA
28	Joe Jackson	CB	6-0	186	Sr.	Los Angeles, CA
63	Vince Jasper	OG	6-3	253	So.	Omaha, NE
73	Hugh Jebson	OT	6-6	288	So.	Sheffield, England
29	Karl Johnson	FB	5-11	201	So.	Des Moines, IA
55	Todd Krieger	C	6-3	268	So.	Mason City, IA
94	Jeff Lambert	DL	6-6	235	Jr.	Sioux City, IA
96	Perry Laures	DL	6-3	252	Jr.	New Hampton, IA
67	Brett Lawrence	OG	6-3	237	So.	Springfield, OH

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33	Jeff Leaders	OLB	6-3	226	So.	Council Bluffs, IA
90	Greg Liter	DL	6-6	254	So.	Mosinee, WI
93	Steve Little	DL	6-3	264	Sr.	Peoria, IL
48	Jim Luebbers	DL	6-5	239	Sr.	Shell Rock, IA
44	Mark Matuscak	SS	6-0	199	Fr.	Omaha, NE
42	Billy McCue	SS	5-10	190	Sr.	Aurora, IL
87	Robbie Minor	FL	6-0	175	So.	Hazelwood, MO
91	Barry Moore	DL	6-4	255	Sr.	Quincy, IL
4	Doug Myers	P	6-2	190	Sr.	Sac City, IA
97	Jay Nelson	DL	6-5	248	So.	Princeton, IA
69	Mark Nelson	OT	6-4	265	So.	Bloomington, MN
46	James Newbill	FS	6-3	198	Jr.	Mullica Hill, NJ
92	Dennis Paulsen	DL	6-6	230	Jr.	Cedar Rapids, IA
85	Michael Posey	FL	6-1	199	So.	Raytown, MO
59	Randy Richards	LB	6-3	202	So.	Urbandale, IA
79	Mike Roberts	OG	6-5	291	Jr.	Eldon, IA
15	Trent Rubley	QB	6-3	187	So.	Davenport, IA
80	Keith Schrage	TE	6-3	232	So.	Parkersburg, IA
60	Mike Shindelar	OT	6-5	268	Sr.	Hudson, IA
54	Vernon Singleton	ILB	6-1	231	Jr.	Los Angeles, CA
66	John Smith	C	6-2	245	So.	Manilla, IA
82	David Smoldt	TE	6-4	232	Sr.	Grundy Center, IA
33	Kirk Thomas	FB	5-11	210	Jr.	Springfield, IL
38	Jim Thompson	OLB	6-4	210	So.	Ankeny, IA
31	Paul Turner	TB	6-1	188	Sr.	Massillon, OH
68	Doug Van Sloten	C	6-4	247	Jr.	Sioux Falls, SD
40	George Walker	FS	6-3	212	Sr.	Chicago, IL
36	Al Watson	TB	6-1	199	Jr.	Omaha, NE
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OKLAHOMA STATE

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RUSTY HILGER (12) MVP of Bluebonnet Bowl now has the experience to prove himself and gain All-Big Eight honors.

SHAWN JONES (3) will definitely fill the void left by Anderson at tailback.

"Most of the time you would have a minority opinion when there's a coaching change, but in this case, everyone was together. It was a great thing for our university and our football team."

"Naming Coach Jones was the best thing that's happened to this football team," said starting quarterback Rusty Hilger. "We couldn't have found a better coach. He reminds me so much of Bum Phillips (New Orleans Saints). Coach Jones is not concerned with all the hype. He just puts his nose to the grindstone and goes to work."

If the Cowboys were looking for someone similar to the coach they had, they went to the right address when they picked the man with the ordinary last name. As far as style and philosophy are concerned, they appear to have picked a clone. Pat Jones and Jimmy Johnson were associated as early as 1967.

That was the year that Jones transferred to the University of Arkansas as a walkon linebacker. Coach Johnson had made All-SWC as a player for the Razorbacks and when he had concluded his playing career he assumed an assistant's post. One of his first athletes was Jones.

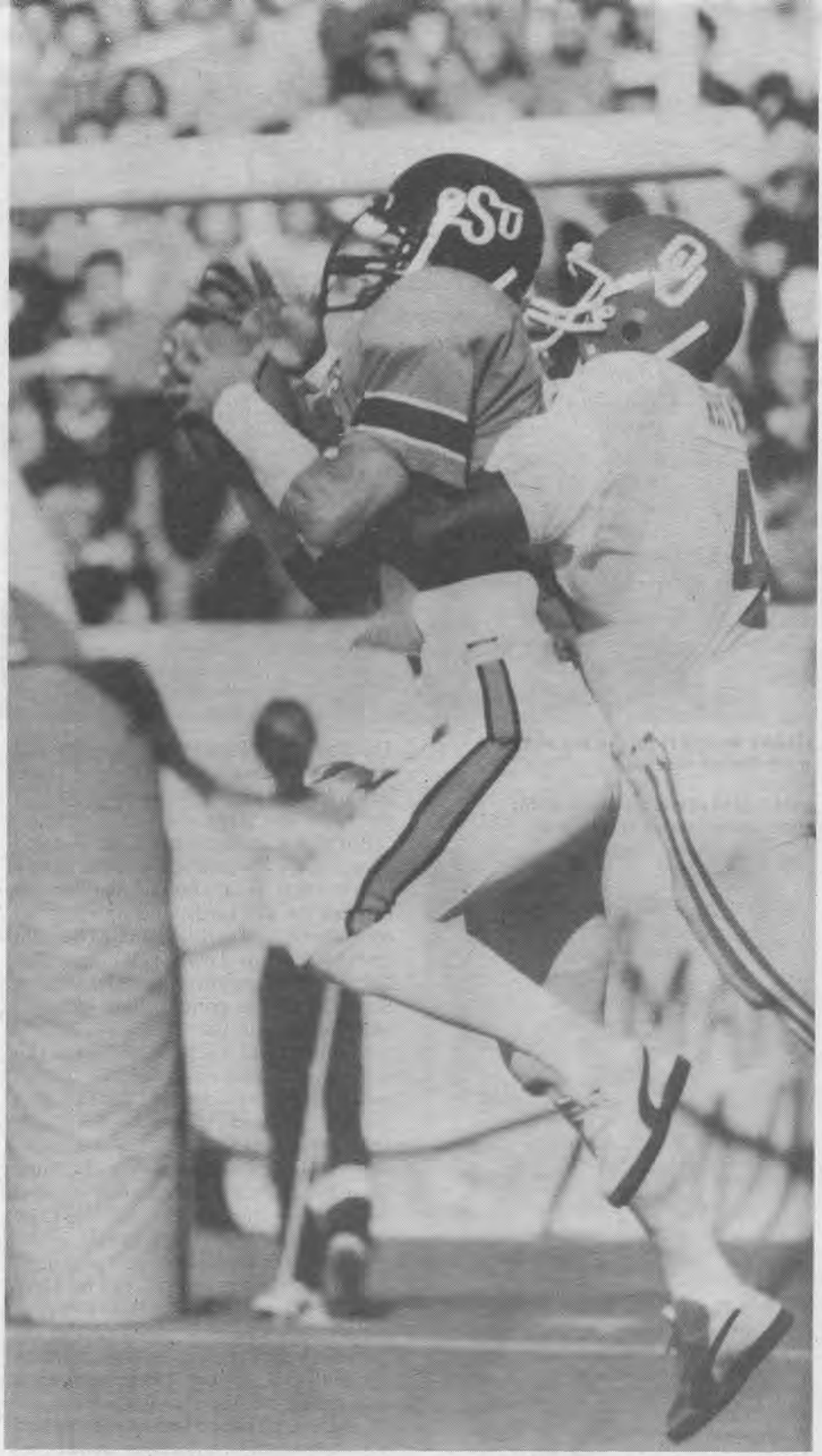
Even though Pat actually was too small to play college ball and never got into more than a spring Red-White game at the U of A, he had a very good reason for transferring from Arkansas Tech to Arkansas. "All my friends attended school there," he said, "plus the good looking girls in the state went to Arkansas."

Thus the Johnson-Jones relationship began in the Ozark Mountains of Fayetteville and blossomed over the years. After going their own ways for two seasons, the two were reunited at Pittsburgh. Jackie Sherrill hired Jones to assist Johnson with the Panthers defense. Then when Johnson got the OSU job in 1978, he brought Jones along, first as linebackers coach, then as offensive coordinator and finally as defensive coordinator.

"There have been a number of coaches who have influenced me," said Jones. "It was my privilege to play for Frank Broyles at Arkansas. Then I went to SMU under Ron Meyer. From there I went to Pittsburgh under Jackie and then on with Jimmy to Oklahoma State. They were all great men and I learned something from all of them. I'm not particularly like any of those coaches. But I try to borrow something from each of them.

"I'll probably be a little tougher than Jimmy was. He was a psychologist. He majored in psychology in school and that was his thing. He could be the players' friend as well as their coach. I'm something of a loner. I was an only child and I've never married. I have only a few close friends.

"I expect I'll run a program more like a corporate structure. Corporate busi-



ADAM HINDS (14) led the nation in interceptions with eight last year.

ness intrigues me. I'm always amazed at how it works. I like the idea of delegating authority. I'll let my assistant coaches coach and my players play."

Jones is so sure of himself and his background and training that he hasn't even requested a honeymoon. Coming in as late as he did, you would have thought he might have asked for some patience from the Oklahoma State faithful. You would have guessed he might have asked for some time.

But no, he plowed ahead positively, saying if Oklahoma State fans (plus Tom Osborne) had been expecting a good season, they should continue to expect a winning year. He made no apologies and asked no quarter.

In fact, he too sounded as if he expects the Cowboys to be a Big Eight contender, based on the number of experienced players they return to Lewis Field this fall.

Certainly the Cowboys have a starter where it matters most on offense. Hilger was the starting quarterback all last season and capped the campaign by being named the MVP of the Bluebonnet Bowl.

Even though he left the Bluebonnet game before halftime with an injury, he was magnificent. He completed 12 of 17 passes for 139 yards. In addition, he passed for two scores as the Cowboys dumped the Baylor Bears 24-14.

Hilger is not the kind of quarterback who is impressive when he throws or when he runs; he just gets the job done. He became a legitimate Big Eight quarterback last season by cutting down on his mistakes and beginning the '84 season ranks as one of the top signal callers in the Big Eight.

"Rusty's a heady player, a good player" said Jones. "He's determined. He works hard to improve."

"Rusty can be All-Big Eight," said Larry Coker, OSU's new offensive coordinator.

In two of the past three years, Hilger has been an excellent quarterback if not an all-conference one. Back in '81 he led the Cowboys to a 7-4 season and a berth in the Independence Bowl. But Hilger was out of the lineup the next year with a shoulder separation.

Coincidentally, that was the year Johnson talked Jones into being the OSU offensive coordinator, The Cowboys had a productive offense that season, as Ernest Anderson led the nation's rushers in total yards, but turnovers doomed them to a 4-5-2 season. The memory of '82 is still not pleasant for the coach who was in charge of the offense.

"I never should have taken the job as offensive coordinator," said Jones. "That was a mistake. My training is in defense. "Even though it was a mistake, I learned something from the experience. It was good for me in that way. Although I'm familiar with Rusty and know what he can do, I'll turn the offense over to the offensive coaches."

The Cowboys are so confident in Hilger's abilities they only expect trouble at the critical position if Rusty gets hurt. Behind him is another Rusty (Rankin), but he has very little experience.

That's not the case, however, at running back. The Cowboys have a stockpile of big, fast backs, any one of whom can get the job done. Shawn Jones (220) replaced Anderson, who spent much of his senior season on the injured list, and rushed for 985 yards last year. Jones is expected to be the starter.

But if he stumbles, Kenny Zachary (204), the Kansas Relays 100 meter champ who very well may be the fastest back in the Big Eight, is available. Also awaiting their turns are Joe Miller (210) and Charles Crawford (235)

Then there are the freshmen, Thurman Thomas and Curtis Luper.

HARRY ROBERTS (6) the key to OSU's quick-footed defense.

MALCOLM LEWIS (8) speed is this sophomore's secret at split end.

Thomas was a Parade All-America and the top-rated back in the state of Texas last fall while Luper was ranked No. 2 in the Lone Star State.

But if the runners can't get the job done, the pass catchers should. Jamie Harris (163) is a veteran flanker (45 catches for 618 yards) and he's backed by speedy Bobby Riley (165). The split ends, Malcolm Lewis (215) and Ray Collins (205), are also very fast. Kenneth Brown (212) has gone to tight end and will play behind Barry Hanna (235).

Center David Tucker (265) leads the returnees on the offensive line. Other starters back include right guard Ralph Partida (246) and right tackle Paul Blair (252). The worry is on the left side, where Derek Burton (268) and Chuck Shanklin (257) are completely new. If they can do the job, though, the OSU line could be good if not great.

But if the offense is stopped occasionally, the Cowboys can still call on Larry Roach. He was the All-Big Eight kicker as a freshman and sophomore and with 213 points already is the second all-time scorer in OSU history. His presence has to give any offensive coach a lift.

"This has a chance to be a pretty good offensive team. We still have some holes to fill. But if injuries don't strike us, we can be competitive," said Coker, formerly the Cowboys QB coach.

"Although we have primarily been an I team, and will again, we plan to look at some option plays in fall practice. I've had some work with the option and so has (running backs coach) Bill (Shimek). We want to take a look at the backs we have. Who knows, we may find we have something. Of course, just one or two injuries would change our mind—especially at quarterback."

Injuries are also a definite key on defense, where the Cowboys think they are loaded on the first team, but thin in the ranks. The Pokes return seven starters from the nation's No. 9 scoring defense and one member of the secondary that led the nation in interceptions (26).

Heading the list is tackle Leslie O'Neal, a consensus All-Big Eight performer as a sophomore whom Oklahoma's Barry Switzer has said is the next great tackle in the Big Eight. Up to 245 now from 228, O'Neal was the third leading tackler among down linemen in the league last season. He has good size, great speed and extraordinary technique and savvy. In a word, he has it all.

"As far as goals are concerned, I don't really have anything in mind," said O'Neal, who has been timed at 4.65 in the 40. "I'd like to be thought of as a team player. If my teammates regard me as a good player, that's all I want."

Playing next to O'Neal is Rodney Harding (230), who switched from defensive end to tackle last year to fill a hole. James Ham (224) and Harry Roberts (206 and fast enough to return kicks) man the end positions.

Matt Monger (215), an ex-walkon, returns at one linebacker and Ricky Adams (225), an eye-poping Juco transfer, plays the other side. But don't forget David Webb. He looks too little (5-8, 202), but makes all the plays.

Even though the secondary lost three key performers, Adam Hinds (205) returns at free safety. Last year Hinds led the Big Eight in interceptions with eight and his presence would stabilize any pass defense. Rod Brown (185) and Stanley Blair (190) are past starters while Mark Moore (185) was a good fill-in.

"I've coached this defense, so I am more familiar with what we have there," said Jones. "I'm very confident about this defense, a solid defense," said Paul Jette, the Cowboys secondary coach who has been handed the additional responsibilities of defensive coordinator under Jones.

"We very definitely have some big-play people. We are not a large defense. In fact, we'll be one of the smaller defenses again in the Big Eight. But we have quick people. Athletes who can chase the ball. In the long run speed gets the job done.

So, what does it all mean?

Are the Cowboys not only for real—as Osborne says—but better than Oklahoma and Nebraska? Are they ready to win the Big Eight?

"I think everyone associated with Oklahoma State is excited about this season. I know I am. I know it sounds corny, but I can't wait to get to the office in the mornings." said Jones.

"But I'll leave it to you to decide whether that means I think we'll be a contender for the championship."

SHAWN JONES
(6-1, 220, Sr)

Kenny Zachary
(6-0, 204,Jr)

Arthur Price
(6-0, 205, Jr)

KELLY COOK
(5-11, 210, Sr)

RUSTY HILGER
(6-4, 205, Sr)

Rusty Rankin
(6-2, 175, Fr)

JAMIE HARRIS
(5-10, 163, Jr)

Terry Wemer
(6-0, 180, Jr)

Barry Hanna
(6-2, 235, Sr)

Kenneth Brown
(6-5, 212, So)

PAUL BLAIR
(6-4, 252, Jr)

Chris Patton
(6-5, 259, Jr)

RALPH PARTIDA
(6-3, 246, Sr)

Schaun Gallagher
(6-4, 240, So)

DAVID TUCKER
(6-2, 265, Jr)

David Storey
(6-4, 268, So)

Derek Burton
(6-2, 268, Jr)

Tony Wilkins
(6-2, 244, So)

Chuck Shanklin
(6-5, 257, Jr)

Keith Brown
(6-2, 260, Sr)

MALCOLM LEWIS
(6-3, 215, So)

Bobby Riley
(5-10, 165, So)

JAMES HAM
(6-2, 227, Jr)

Warren Thompson
(6-4, 220, Jr)

RODNEY HARDING
(6-2, 230, Sr)

Leonard Jackson
(6-2, 215, So)

JOHN WASHINGTON
(6-5, 265, Jr)

Marvin Hawkins
(6-2, 250, Jr)

LESLIE O'NEAL
(6-4, 228, Jr)

Tavie Hampton
(6-2, 228, Sr)

HARRY ROBERTS
(6-2, 206, Jr)

David Webb
(5-11, 202, Sr)

MATT MONGER
(6-2, 215, Sr)

Jim Krebs
(6-2, 218, Jr)

Ricky Adams
(6-2, 225, So)

Dana Hawkins
(6-0, 190, Fr)

Stanley Blair
(6-0, 190, Jr)

Windell Yancy
(6-2, 194, So)

ADAM HINDS
(6-3, 205, Sr)

Ken Montgomery
(6-0, 190, Jr)

ROD BROWN
(6-3, 185, Sr)

Mike Hudson
(6-2, 195, So)

Mark Moore
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Raymond Polk
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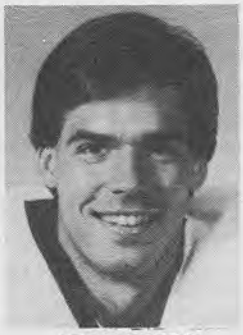
DEPTH CHART

CAPS indicate returning starters.



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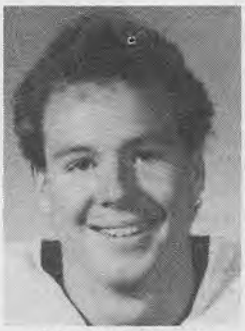

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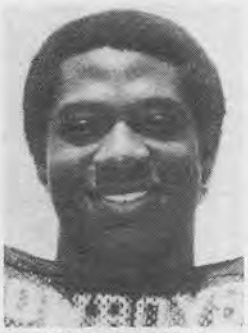

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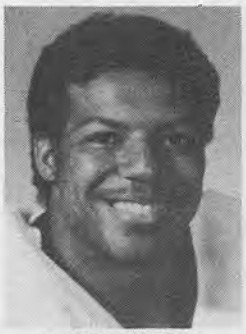

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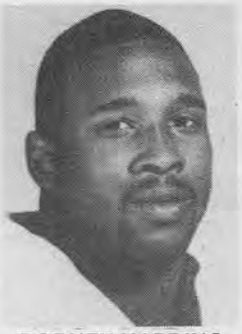

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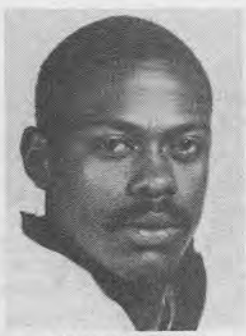

JAMIE HARRIS

RUSTY HILGER

HARRY ROBERTS

KEN ZACHARY

MALCOLM LEWIS

OKLAHOMA STATE ROSTER

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	HT.	WT.	CLASS	HOMETOWN
54	Ricky Adams	LB	6-2½	220	Jr.	Junction City, KS
98	David Bailey	LB	6-4	225	Fr.	Oklahoma City, OK
15	Mark Barre	DB	5-10	195	Jr.	Tulsa, OK
95	Lynn Beck	FL	6-1	193	Jr.	Blanchard, OK
72	Paul Blair	OT	6-4	250	Jr.	Edmond, OK
20	Stanley Blair	DB	6-0	192	Jr.	Pine Bluff, AR
93	Glenn Brantley	LB	5-11	227	Jr.	Beaumont, TX
74	Keith Brown	OL	6-2	262	Sr.	Midland, TX
86	Kenneth Brown	TE	6-5	217	So.	Midland, TX
27	Rod Brown	SS	6-3	188	Sr.	Gainesville, TX
66	Derek Burton	OG	6-2	270	Jr.	Okmulgee, OK
18	William Combs	QB	6-1	180	So.	Stillwater, OK
26	Kelly Cook	FB	5-11	215	Sr.	Midwest City, OK
52	Jerry Coshow	C	6-1	240	Sr.	Pauls Valley, OK
32	Charles Crawford	RB	6-2	230	So.	Bristow, OK
30	Kenneth Cumby	LB	6-0	205	Fr.	Athens, TX
59	Kent Fipps	OT	6-6	280	Sr.	Tulsa, OK
57	Brian Fitzgerald	DE	6-3	215	So.	Washington, DC
11	Rodderick Gaines	QB	6-1	195	Fr.	Tyler, TX
63	Mark Galbraith	DE	6-3	215	So.	Tahlequah, OK
75	Schaun Gallagher	OG	6-4	240	So.	Sugarland, TX
4	Kevin Godfrey	K	6-2	170	Sr.	Ponca City, OK
29	Harold Green	RB	6-1	185	Fr.	Orange, TX
40	James Ham	DE	6-2	224	Jr.	Merritt Island, FL
96	Tavie Hampton	DL	6-2	242	Sr.	Little Rock, AR
82	Barry Hanna	TE	6-2	232	Sr.	Winfield, KS
42	Rodney Harding	DL	6-2	240	Sr.	Oklahoma City, OK
83	Jamie Harris	SE	5-10	170	Sr.	McKinney, TX
	Tim Hartshorn	DB	6-2	200	So.	Jenks, OK
69	Marvin Hawkins	NG	6-2	254	Jr.	Shawnee, OK
89	Scott Henderson	TE	6-4	215	Fr.	Balch Springs, TX
12	Rusty Hilger	QB	6-4	205	Sr.	Oklahoma City, OK
14	Adam Hinds	FS	6-3	201	Sr.	St. Louis, MO
79	Kelly Hopkins	OT	6-5	269	So.	Collinsville, OK
10	Mike Hudson	DB	6-2	195	So.	Hominy, OK
84	Leonard Jackson	DL	6-2	238	So.	Pine Bluff, AR
60	Marcus Jones	NG	6-2½	248	Fr.	Port Arthur, TX
3	Shawn Jones	TB	6-1	212	Sr.	North Litle Rock, AR
77	Brian Kelly	OT	6-5	269	So.	Moore, OK
73	Jason Kidder	OG	6-3	260	Fr.	Appleton, WI
	Alfred Kirkpatrick	OT	6-4	262	Jr.	Houston, TX
55	Jim Krebs	LB	6-2	218	Jr.	Taft, TX
71	Terry Lee	DT	6-3	240	Fr.	Jenks, OK
24	Tony Lee	DB	6-1	194	Jr.	Drumright, OK
8	Malcolm Lewis	SE	6-3	210	So.	Houston, TX

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	HT.	WT.	CLASS	HOMETOWN
19	Curtis Luper	RB	6-1	190	Fr.	Sherman, TX
25	Joe Miller	TB	6-1	200	So.	Dale City, VA
90	Matt Monger	LB	6-2	215	Sr.	Miami, OK
39	Ken Montgomery	DB	6-0	178	Jr.	Wichita Falls, TX
44	Mark Moore	DB	6-0	198	So.	Nacogdoches, TX
46	Greg McCalister	LB	6-2	215	Fr.	Midwest City, OK
18	Joey O'Donnell	K	6-1	190	Fr.	Perry, OK
99	Leslie O'Neal	DT	6-4	235	Jr.	Little Rock, AR
50	Ralph Partida	OG	6-3	256	Sr.	Dallas, TX
79	Jeff Patterson	NG	6-2	265	Fr.	Fayetteville, NC
78	Chris Patton	OT	6-5	269	Sr.	Chickasha, OK
45	Raymond Polk	DB	6-0	195	Sr.	Sherman, TX
23	Tony Presley	DE	6-0	195	Sr.	Hartshorne, OK
38	Arthur Price	FB	6-0	205	Jr.	Dallas, TX
1	Bobby Riley	SE	5-10	165	So.	Stroud, OK
9	Larry Roach	PK	6-1	175	Sr.	Dallas, TX
6	Harry Roberts	DE	6-2	207	Jr.	Muskogee, OK
36	Chris Scheve	FB	6-3	215	Fr.	Houston, TX
56	Bouncer Schiro	LB	6-1	223	So.	Houston, TX
88	Rodney Scott	TE	6-4	237	Fr.	Fayetteville, NC
41	Terrance Scott	TE	6-2	227	So.	Spiro, OK
76	Chuck Shanklin	OL	6-5	258	Jr.	Hacienda Heights, CA
97	Ricky Shaw	EE	6-4	215	Fr.	Fayetteville, NC
85	Kevin Simien	SE	6-3	190	Fr.	Port Arthur, TX
63	Justin Springer	C	6-4	250	Fr.	Midwest City, OK
57	Chris Stanley	DT	6-5	225	Fr.	Elk City, OK
13	Shawn Stephenson	QB	5-10	177	So.	Ada, OK
77	Rick Stewart	OL	6-4	230	So.	Jenks, OK
68	Chris Stiles	LB	6-2	206	Sr.	Bethany, IL
53	David Storey	C	6-4	260	Jr.	Altus, OK
34	Thurman Thomas	RB	5-11	185	Fr.	Missouri City, TX
91	Warren Thompson	DE	6-4	215	Jr.	Dale City, VA
31	Will Timmons	FB	6-0	220	So.	Little Rock, AR
67	David Tucker	C	6-2	270	Jr.	Childress, TX
23	Perry Walker	K	6-1	185	Fr.	Mangum, OK
80	John Washington	DT	6-5	265	Jr.	Houston, TX
33	David Webb	DE	5-11	200	Sr.	Gainesville, FL
22	Terry Wemer	SE	6-0	175	Jr.	Joplin, MO
51	Tony Wilkins	OG	6-2	250	So.	North Little Rock, AR
5	Demise Williams	DB	6-2	215	So.	Washington, DC
15	Ronnie Williams	QB	6-3	205	Fr.	Wichita Falls, TX
62	Mike Wolfe	OT	6-5	250	Fr.	Miami, OK
56	Byron Woodard	NG	6-3	280	Fr.	Houston, TX
48	Windell Yancy	DB	6-2	197	So.	Dallas, TX
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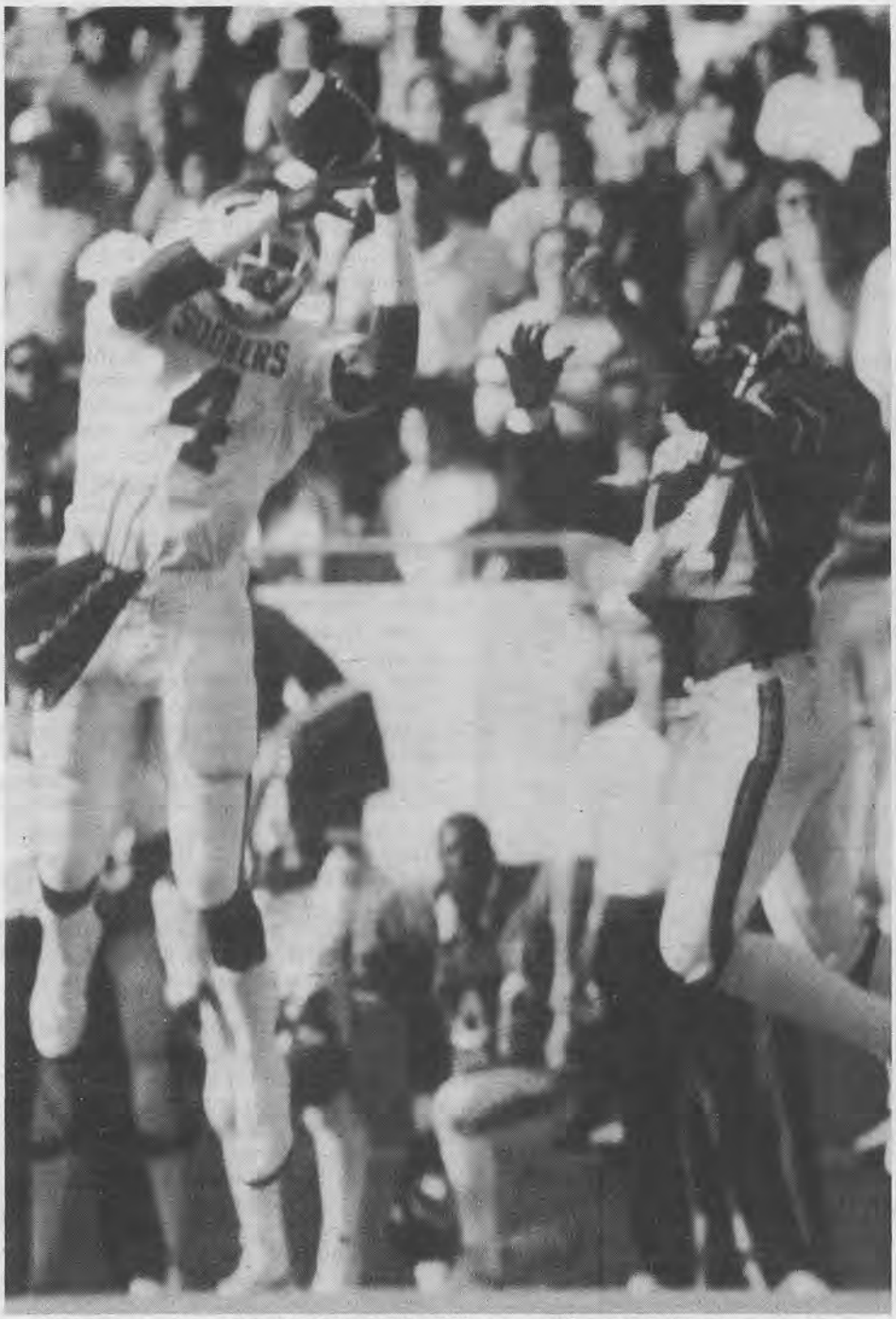

With the new bone BUSTER RHYMES (4) will have a much greater chance of national recognition for his long plays.

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Switzer, who was offensive coordinator at Oklahoma when the original Wishbone was installed, is excited about the possibilities of what he envisions as a "star wars Wishbone." It is more balanced and more varied than the record-setting system OU junked in favor of the I-formation and Marcus Dupree two years ago.

The new versions will use the Wishbone as a base and incorporate passing plays and lots of motion and shifts that result frequently in a one-back formation, but without altering the simplified blocking schemes of the linemen.

"We have the best of the Wishbone - the best running offense ever designed - and we have added a good passing game," Switzer said. "This will be a different Wishbone, with more passing than Alabama used when they ran the Wishbone. We will throw the ball 15-20 times a game. Really. Mack has done a super job coaching it."

Brown, former assistant at Iowa State and more recently the architect of an offense that took Louisiana State to the Orange Bowl two years ago and head coach at Appalachian State, replaced Galen Hall, an 18-year member of the OU staff.

Hall was criticized for OU's offensive grief last season and Switzer resisted high-level pressure to replace a man who was highly regarded by rival coaches. But when an opportunity came to take a similar position with higher pay and start a new life with a new wife at Florida, Hall departed. Switzer made the decision to change offenses, and informed several prospective recruits, before Brown was hired. What evolved from Switzer's desire and Brown's background "was something I always wanted to do," Switzer said.

"I wanted to run from the Wishbone but incorporate a good passing game that gave us a chance to make adjustments at the line of scrimmage and take advantage of what the defense was in. But we never could do it because of the time it takes for the shifts and motion. You have to get the play called and be out of the huddle in 10 seconds. I asked Mack if we could do it. He said it would be no problem. It hasn't been. I think we will cause problems for defenses people have been using against us

"Shifting from a conventional Wishbone to a Washington Redskin look can be done without handicapping the linemen," Switzer said. "We can make something that looks complicated for the other team be simple for us," Brown said.

It will, however, put considerable pressure on Bradley and subject the lightish senior to more punishment than he received in the I-formation. Switzer shudders when he thinks what might happen if Bradley is disabled. Backup Mike Clopton is a capable passer but a liability as a runner. After that it's freshmen. Switzer prefers to think of Bradley making the correct adjustments and running and passing on option plays that exploit his ability better than the I-formation.

Switzer predicted Bradley "will be the best quarterback in the Big Eight. This offense gives Danny a better chance to see the field when he passes. He is not a dropback passer. But I expect he will be a 55 per cent (completion) passer in this offense. Danny can handle the whole package."

Switzer's enthusiasm for the offense is shared by assistant head coach Mervin Johnson and the backs.

"I think what we are doing is very good," Johnson said. "I like it. It gives us a direction we never had with the I-formation." Bradley said, "This offense is super for what we want to do." Tillman said, "I love it. I always thought we would be better in the Wishbone.

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Keeping his eyes on the ball is JEFF TUPPER (78) and it looks like a successful pass block.

Last year, if a team had the right defense called for what we wanted to run, we had to run right into it. Now, we can do whatever we want to do."

Sewell said, "One reason I came here was the Wishbone. I think it will be better for me and the team."

Tillman and Sewell, who as an I-formation wingback blocked superbly but rarely touched the ball, give OU the kind of fast and sure-handed receiving halfbacks the new offense requires. If Sims can shake the rust from a one-year layoff, the Sooners would start a home run threat at every backfield position, and have Earl Johnson, who shared newcomer of the year honors with Tillman by rushing for 945 yards in 10 games, as an alternate for any of the running backs.

Veterans Jerome Ledbetter and Alvin Ross and heralded freshmen Lydell Carr and Clark Brown are looked to for depth.

Rhymes and Shepard are home run makers who will alternate at split end.

But as Oklahoma was painfully reminded last year, skill position speed can be muzzled by erratic blocking. All but one of last year's starting linemen return. It is said the Wishbone is the best offense for average linemen. OU's linemen should improve. How much is the key. It would not surprise if two, possible three, rookies became starters or co-starters. They are, in most cases, more talented than the veterans.

Thomas, after receiving a reprieve, "had a good spring," Switzer said and is secure at center. Brent Burks is expected to retain his job at left tackle. Otherwise, the veterans will be challenged, if not replaced by what Switzer calls "the best group of offensive linemen we have recruited. They have a chance to become dominating players."

Tackle Scott Leggett lost his job in spring practice to letterman David Dillingham, who is likely to be dislodged in the fall by Greg Johnson, most highly regarded of the redshirted freshmen. The only reservation about Johnson is whether a special harness will eliminate a neck problem that caused him to be moved from defense. Johnson experienced pain when he moved his head for techniques required of tacklers. Preliminary results the last week of spring practice indicated the harness would allow Johnson to block without experiencing pain.

If so, the 6-4, 285-pound Moore will probably start and, Switzer said, "become as good an offensive lineman as we have ever had."

Jeff Pickett, sophomore with great promise, will start at right guard. Two-time letterman Paul Ferrer and Al Laurita, another second-year freshman prize, are locked in a battle at the other guard. Eric Pope, talented but injury-prone junior who missed spring practice following shoulder surgery, would start if he is fit and plays to his potential. Tackle Sidney Dodd, another former starter, is relegated to backup duty.

For the fourth consecutive year tight end will be a problem. Darin Berryhill and Bill Earthman will alternate and should, with their size and experience, improve the position. Keith Jackson, first blue chip tight end OU has recruited in five years, might be a factor. But it is a difficult position for a freshman.

Fortunately, it is not as difficult for freshmen to play defense. Three second-year freshmen are scheduled to start and three others are projected to play a lot and possibly start. Despite this green look, defensive coordinator Gary Gibbs is quietly optimistic.

"There is a danger of becoming oversold on what inexperienced players do in practice," Gibbs said. "Until they do it on the field against the Pittsburghs and Nebraskas and Missouris, I am not going to be convinced. But they have shown signs of being a faster, more aggressive defense than we have had the last few years."

Murphy, United Press' Big Eight defender of the year, and Casillas, the biggest and quickest nose guard in OU history, should be dominating players.

Darrell Reed, a second-year freshman, is a Murphy-type at the other end. Bosworth, sophomores Paul Migliazzo and Evan Gatewood and second-year freshman Dante Jones "give us four linebackers who can and will play," Gibbs said.

Safety KEITH STANBERRY (19) will return to claim his role as a quality defensive back.

Their instincts and cerebral capacity could more than offset any dropoff in physical talent from recent years.

The secondary, while not a strength, might not be the problem some envisioned. Stanberry, who had a disappointing junior year and missed spring practice with a broken collarbone, will have to regain his position from Brian Hall, versatile senior who had a fine spring. Sonny Brown, not as fast as desired but tough and intelligent, is set at free safety.

Bobby Proctor, only survivor from Switzer's first staff, thinks second-year freshman Andre Johnson "will be as fine a cornerback as we have ever had." Percy Hines, a sophomore, will challenge returning starter Jim Rockford at the other cornerback. If he does not start, Hall might be an all-purpose backup.

If the secondary and new linebackers play to expectations it should ease the problem at tackle. Johnson and another huge and gifted second-year freshman, Ryan Allain, were scheduled to start. Allain quit before a neck injury forced Johnson's move to offense.

That leaves the positions to the lettered but unproven pair of Jeff Tupper, plagued by injuries and too light at 240, and Tommy Flemons, converted backup nose guard with an inconsistent history. Steve Bryan, sophomore brother of departed All-America Ricky Bryan, was moved from end and became a factor by demonstrating the spirit and work habits that are trademarks of his bloodlines. At best, this is an area where the Sooners will fall off sharply from the level provided by Bryan and Bob Slater.

But new line coach Charlie Sadler is confident this deficiency can be partly offset by the change in style he advocates. Sadler was a part time coach at OU before coaching defensive linemen at Iowa State and Missouri. He returned to OU when Rex Norris accepted a position at Arizona State. Under Sadler, OU linemen will do more stunting and slanting and employ attacking schemes, in contrast to the read-and-wait techniques Norris used.

"We won't have a dominating tackle like Ricky Bryan," Sadler said. "But we won't be bad. The main thing is we have to get bigger. Tupper has been injured so much he never worked on weights. He needs to weigh 260. I think he can if we work hard this summer.

"The way we are going to play will help us. That is not to say the way Rex played was not good. If we had Bryan and Slater, we might not change. But to play the kind of strong teams that are on our schedule, we will have to be more aggressive and take more chances, or they will block us up and down the field. We may give up more big plays doing this but I think we will make more big plays and in the long run it will be better for us. It will also allow us to exploit the ability of outstanding players like Murphy and Casillas."

Switzer would sleep better this summer if he knew punter Darren Atyia and placekicker Tim Lashar would develop consistency. Each has the potential.

Obviously, many questions remain unanswered about the Sooners. And, they are critically thin in some areas, though the late spring progress of converts like Bryan and defensive end Troy Johnson lightened concerns.

But this is, Switzer thinks, a hungry, daring team capable of surprise. Foremost, it is a changed team, philosophically and emotionally. Spencer Tillman suspected it would be since that January day when Switzer lit the fire with the most passionate speech an Oklahoma team had heard from its coach since Oklahoma was, well Oklahoma. 8

The weight of OU's defensive success lies on KEVIN MURPHY (39) but he can get the job done.

STEVE SEWELL
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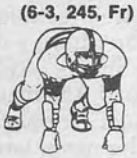

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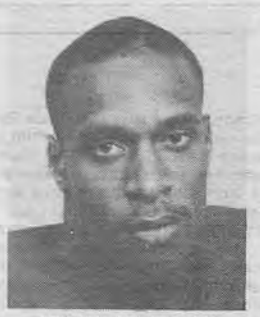

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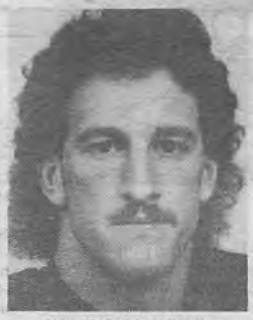

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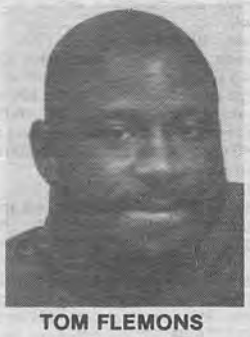

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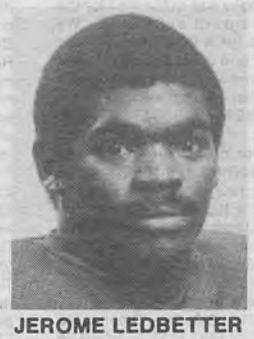

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GEORGE RHYMES

KEITH STANBERRY

OKLAHOMA ROSTER

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	HT.	WT.	CLASS	HOMETOWN
18	Troy Aikman	QB	6-3	190	Fr.	Henryetta, OK
61	Mike Aljoe	DE	6-2	226	So.	Lewisville, TX
28	Rotnei Anderson	DB	6-1	180	Fr.	Dickinson, TX
26	Darren Atyia	P	6-0	192	So.	Seminole, OK
76	Gary Bennett	L	6-3	250	Fr.	Evergreen, CO
85	Darin Berryhill	TE	6-5	245	Jr.	Tulsa, OK
89	Brian Bosworth	LB	6-2	228	Fr.	Irving, TX
17	Tony Boyd	RB	6-1	190	Fr.	Ratliff City, OK
1	Danny Bradley	QB	5-10	187	Sr.	Pine Bluff, AR
95	Jodie Britt	DT	6-4	235	Fr.	Marlow, OK
12	Clark Brown	RB	5-10	175	Fr.	Riverside, CA
83	Oliver Brown	SE	6-3	190	Fr.	Del City OK
8	Sonny Brown	DB	6-2	192	So.	Alice, TX
86	Steve Bryan	DT	6-3	240	So.	Broken Arrow, OK
69	Brent Burks	OT	6-7	271	Sr.	Talala, OK
44	Lydell Carr	RB	6-2	195	Fr.	Enid, OK
92	Tony Casillas	NG	6-3	272	Jr.	Tulsa, OK
82	Paul Clewis	SE	6-1	196	Sr.	Oklahoma City, OK
15	Mike Clopton	QB	6-1	192	Sr.	West Covina, CA
56	Egean Collins	LB	6-2	217	So.	Miami, FL
33	Patrick Collins	RB	5-10	175	Fr.	Tulsa, OK
7	Boyd Cowan	DB	6-1	190	Fr.	Odessa, TX
51	Richard Davis	L	6-2	232	Fr.	Tulsa, OK
59	David Dillingham	OT	6-5	270	Sr.	Tulsa, OK
41	Richard Dillon	RB	6-0	182	Fr.	Ringling, OK
29	Ricky Dixon	DB	5-10	170	Fr.	Dallas, TX
65	Sidney Dodd	OT	6-6	270	Sr.	Los Angeles, CA
94	Bill Earthman	TE	6-2	242	Sr.	Houston, TX
55	Paul Ferrer	OG	6-1	260	Jr.	Midwest City, OK
93	Tommy Flemons	DT	6-3	257	Sr.	Altus, OK
72	Dugan Forrest	OG	6-3	260	Fr.	Twin Oaks, OK
49	Scott Garl	FB	6-1	197	Fr.	Hominy, OK
54	Evan Gatewood	LB	6-2	222	So.	Dallas, TX
98	Mickey Green	L	6-3	250	Fr.	Oklahoma City, OK
47	Jeff Hake	DE	6-3	217	So.	Blue Springs, MO
21	Brian Hall	DB	6-2	200	Sr.	Houston, TX
43	Vince Hare	TE	6-3	230	Fr.	Lewisville, TX
99	Lance Hindt	DE	6-3	222	Fr.	Katy, TX
32	Percy Hines	DB	5-10	196	So.	Lubbock, TX
24	Chris Howard	RB/DB	6-2	195	Fr.	Overland Park, KS
79	Mark Hutson	L	6-3½	275	Fr.	Fort Smith, AR
16	Kyle Irvin	QB	6-0	192	Fr.	Broken Arrow, OK
88	Keith Jackson	TE	6-3	235	Fr.	Little Rock, AR
6	Andre Johnson	DB	6-1	187	Fr.	Houston, TX
5	Earl Johnson	FB/HB	5-11	197	So.	Dallas, TX
75	Greg Johnson	OT	6-4	288	Fr.	Moore, OK
80	Troy Johnson	DE	6-2	215	Fr.	Houston, TX
50	Dante Jones	LB	6-2	218	Fr.	Dallas, TX
36	Steve Jones	RB	6-0	175	Fr.	Midwest City, OK

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	HT.	WT.	CLASS	HOMETOWN
46	Kert Kasper	LB	6-3	225	Fr.	Houston, TX
90	Darren Kilpatrick	DT	6-4	240	Fr.	Porter, OK
97	Aubrey King	SE	6-3	180	Fr.	Denver, CO
31	Tim Lashar	K	5-9	168	So.	Plano, TX
57	Bob Latham	L	6-4½	230	Fr.	Claremore, OK
62	Al Laurita	OG	6-3	260	Fr.	Arvada, CO
20	Jerome Ledbetter	FB	5-10	224	Sr.	Muskogee, OK
70	Scott Leggett	OT	6-5	268	Jr.	Muskogee, OK
22	Don Maloney	RB	5-11	170	Fr.	Chickasha, OK
60	Mike Mantle	DE	6-2	222	So.	Miami, OK
87	Richard Marks	OT	6-5	258	Fr.	Grandview, MO
84	Randy Martin	DE	6-4	227	Jr.	Roland, OK
48	Brad McBride	LB	6-2	221	Fr.	Edmond, OK
42	Paul Migliazzo	LB	6-1	226	So.	Kansas City, MO
39	Kevin Murphy	DE	6-2	226	Sr.	Plano, TX
81	Scott Newland	DE	6-2	226	Sr.	Jenks, OK
11	Roy Owens	DB	5-11	188	So.	Tulsa, OK
68	Anthony Phillips	LB	6-3	256	Fr.	Tulsa, OK
66	Jon Phillips	NG	6-4	256	Fr.	Tulsa, OK
64	Kevin Phillips	NG	6-3	263	Fr.	Dallas, TX
71	Jeff Pickett	OG	6-1	275	So.	Texarkana, TX
63	Eric Pope	OG	6-2	275	Jr.	Seminole, OK
58	Tim Randolph	OG	6-3	238	Jr.	Midwest City, OK
35	Tony Rayburn	DB	6-3	195	So.	Oklahoma City, OK
40	Darrell Reed	DE	6-2	218	Fr.	Cypress, TX
96	Richard Reed	DT	6-4	242	So.	Fort Worth, TX
77	Caesar Rentie	OG	6-4	288	Fr.	Hartshorne, OK
4	Buster Rhymes	SE	6-4	218	Sr.	Miami, FL
38	Chris Richards	RB	5-10½	175	Fr.	Lake View Terrace, CA
2	Jim Rockford	DB	5-10	178	Sr.	Springfield, IL
25	Alvin Ross	RB	6-1	225	Jr.	Aurora, IL
13	Steve Sewell	RB	6-4	204	Sr.	San Francisco, CA
3	Derrick Shepard	SE	5-11	183	So.	Odessa, TX
45	Dean Shinault	DE	6-3	208	Fr.	Ponca City, OK
53	Travis Simpson	C	6-3	243	So.	Norman, OK
37	Todd Smith	DB	6-0	192	So.	Norman, OK
19	Keith Stanberry	DB	6-1	207	Sr.	Mt. Pleasant, TX
27	Damen Stell	RB/DB	6-0	192	Fr.	Oklahoma City, OK
74	Ladorphyas Stripling	OG	6-5	270	So.	Tyler, TX
9	Glenn Sullivan	QB	6-3	210	Fr.	Irving, TX
73	Chuck Thomas	C	6-3	273	Sr.	Houston, TX
34	Spencer Tillman	RB	5-11	209	So.	Tulsa, OK
78	Jeff Tupper	DT	6-5	265	Jr.	Joplin, MO
52	Ric Uhles	C	6-3	247	Jr.	Norman, OK
10	David Vickers	DB	6-4	195	Fr.	Tulsa, OK
30	Darrell Weddington	FB	5-10	196	Sr.	Temple, TX
14	Derrick White	RB	5-9	170	Fr.	Lubbock, TX
91	Curtice Williams	L	6-2	235	Fr.	Pine Bluff, AR
67	Tony Woods	L	6-5	260	Fr.	Colorado Springs, CO

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Mizzou over Texas. An all-state and all-American player. Vandegrift had 72 tackles last season. He may see quite a bit of action with the graduation of Jay Wilson and injury to Tracey Mack.

TOM WHELIHAN, K, 5-11, 185, Carrollton, TX (Newman Smith). Converted 9 of 12 field goal attempts last season, including a 52-yarder.

EARL WILLIAMS, DB, 6-2, 195, Florissant, MO (Hazelwood Central). Known for his ferocity, Williams has a 4.5 speed in the 40. He chose Missouri over Illinois.

NEBRASKA

KEITH JONES, IB, 5-10, 180, Omaha, NE (Central). Has 4.5 speed in 40, gained 1,710 yards to break Gale Sayers' school record, 18 touchdowns, 9.1 yards avg. per carry, gained 235 yards in 28-26 loss to state champion Creighton Prep and 216 in 7-6 loss to state runner-up Omaha Gross, great in open field. Husker recruiter Clete Fischer said, "No back in the country has better credentials. How many backs break Gale Sayers' records? Put him anywhere else in the country, and we'd all be chasing him."

TYREESE KNOX, IB, 6-0, 208, Daly City, CA (Jefferson). Broke Dick Bass's California high school career records for rushing and scoring with 5,214 yards and 78 touchdowns, 4.5 speed, carried 28 to 35 times a game last year for 8-2 team, averaged over 7 yards, gained 1,994 yards and scored 30 TD's despite missing 2½ games. Ran 9.9-second 100 as freshman at Serra. Monte before school closed and hasn't run track since, will play baseball this spring, started three years in basketball. Mew Harris, San Francisco Examiner prep writer says Knox has two speeds; "Fast and oh, my God, he scored again." He can do anything he wants to do. "If Tyreese Knox never plays another day of offense, he would be a great defensive player. He'll make his mark one way or the other," Jefferson coach Ron Fassler said.

WENDELL WOOTEN, QB, 6-2, 190, LaMarque, TX. Ran for 275 yards (4.4 avg.) and 5 touchdowns, passed for 450 and 3 TD, kicked 12 PATs and 1 FG for 6-4 team in largest Texas class, 4.5 speed, recruited as db by Texas, also turned down Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Arkansas and Oklahoma State. Ranked 30th academically in a class of 400. Missed three games with ankle injury and LaMarque lost all three. Coach Hugh Massey attended same Fort Worth school as three-year Husker QB Turner Gill and said, "I saw him when he was there, and Wendell Wooten is a whole lot like Turner Gill." Husker assistant Milt Tenopir, after evaluating film said, "The thing I liked about Wendell was that he was doing things like our quarterbacks do. His leadership, stability and alertness really came across."

DANA BRINSON, WB/SE, 5-10, 175, Valdosta, GA. Gained 954 yards (6-yard avg.) and over 500 receiving as halfback on 11-1 team that went 37-3 in three years as starter, wingback as soph, scored 15 touchdowns, 6 receiving, 3 punt returns for TD's in one game. Brinson was instrumental in two regional championships and one state championship in three years. Coach Nick Hyder said, "Dana only weighed 165 for us, but he hits like 210. He's even tempered and hard-nosed. He might have gained 3,000 yards if we kept playing him, but we play a lot of people."

LORENZO HICKS, WB/SE, 6-1, 180, Kansas City, KS (Southeast). A 4.4 burner for 40 yards, a "find", didn't make all-state or even all-Metro. Caught 38 passes for 560 yards as wingback and intercepted 10 passes as safety for 8-2 team, had 87-yard kickoff return TD and 79-yarder on punt return, will get first look at wingback. Basketball burner also. Said Husker Assistant, Charlie McBride, "He's the best athlete I've seen in Kansas City in the seven years I've recruited there."

JASON GAMBLE, WB/SE, 6-1, 171, Santa Barbara, CA. Was a member of the 1983 Husker recruiting class, but he was too late for a scholarship, moved to Lincoln last fall and worked until enrolling in January, caught 45 passes for 886 yards and eight TDs, returned two kickoffs and one punt for TDs. Turned down Arizona, ASU and Nevada-Las Vegas for a delayed chance at Nebraska. High game was eight receptions for 201 yards and a 47-yard game-winner. Prep Coach Manuel Garcia says he's best athlete his school has seen.

JOHN KROEKER, WB/SE, 6-0, 180, Henderson, NE. Nebraska all-stater at three positions, I-back, punter, kicker, will get shot at split end as well as combination kicking. Led 13-0 team with 1,895 yards and 42 TDs, averaged 46.8 yards on 35 punts, hit 5 of 7 field goals kicking soccer style, four-year career for Class C-2 school produced 672 points, giving him tie for second in the nation on all-time career scoring chart, trailing only the 899 by Ken Hall of Sugarland, Tex., in 1953. Attended Husker football school. 3.97 student. He's got a chance to be a great punter because he's so quick, a two-stepper. Whenever a game was important, that's when he was best. Obviously, he's a great competitor," Husker assistant coach Clete Fischer said.

WILLIE GRIFFIN, TE, 6-4, 230, Monrovia, CA. Lineman of year in San Gabriel Valley, three-year starter at defensive end, but was recruited as tight end. Caught 25 passes for over 400 yards at latter position and was instrumental as blocker in leading an I-back who scored 27 TDs. 4.8 speed. Center on basketball team.Griffin played on a 20-1 team in a summer passing league in California (seven on seven, all-pass offenses). Former Husker L. C. Cole, who recruited him for New Mexico State, calls Griffin "junior Junior," in comparing him with former NU tight end Junior Miller, now with the Atlanta Falcons.

RANDALL JOBMAN, LB/DE, 6-4, 205, Oshkosh, WI (Garden County). Played I-Back, tight end. linebacker, wherever he was needed for eight-man power. Team was ranked No. 1 in state through season until he was lost with knee injury. Garden County then lost, 28-20, to Hay Springs and playoff game to Beemer, 56-6. Injury was concern until he returned for basketball season. Prep coach Doug Leopold said, "He made a big difference, especially on defense. He's more than an athlete to me, he's one of those special kids who comes along."

TODD MILLIKAN, LB/DE, 6-3, 215 Shenandoah, IA. Tight end and defensive end in high school. Nebraska's top recruit in Iowa from the start. Attended NU football camp, averaged about 20 points in basketball. Iowa wanted him as a tight end, Texas as a linebacker and Oklahoma State as a baseball pitcher after 19-2 record in two years. Premier 400-meter hurdler in track. "He's the one we wanted in Iowa because he can play so many positions, tight end, linebacker,defensive end, monster," NU recruiter John Melton said.

STEVE STANARD, LB/DE, 6-0, 205, Lincoln, NE (Southeast). Leading rusher and scorer with 650 yards and 9 TDs and linebacker with 5 interceptions. 4.55 speed with 325 bench press. Four-sport athlete, outstanding swimmer as junior before switching to basketball and leading team as center. Attended NU camp and wasn't interested in any other school after Huskers offered. "Any kid who can switch from swimming to basketball and be good at both, that's something. Plus, he's the best football player in the city," recruiter Jack Pierce said.

BRIAN WASHINGTON, DB, 6-2, 205, Richmond, VA (Highland Springs). Most recognized Husker recruit nationally, named to prestigious Parade Magazine All-America team. 4.4 flyer, over 400 pounds bench press, 37-inch vertical jump. Missed last half of season with knee injury, but didn't lose popularity with recruiters. Visited Ohio State and SMU before Nebraska, then cancelled remaining trips. Eastern recruiter Frank Solich watched him play when Nebraska was in the area for the Kickoff Classic against Penn State. "We knew about him for a long time. We had looked at a tight end at his school the year before, and we knew we'd be back. He was on everybody's list," Solich said.

JAMIE WORDEN, DB, 5-11, 175, Scottsbluff, NE. Played wingback and defensive back for former Husker tight end Brad Jenkins. Second in state 200 dash, third in 100, fourth in 400 despite bronchitis. He's a legitimate 4.5 40. "We always thought Jamie was a good athlete, but we had never seen him play much defensive back. So we had to look at other defensive backs first," Steve Pederson, recruiting coordinator said.

ANDY KEELER, LL, 6-3, 255, Omaha, NE (Burke). Brother of 1983 Husker defensive tackle and captain Mike Keeler. Played both ways but prefers offensive line because of chance to play as true soph. Tried wrestling and track early in high school but then stuck to football. NU football camper. "I think he can play early. He's big enough. He might have to play early," Line Coach Clete Fischer said.

LAWRENCE PETE, LL, 6-3, 260, Wichita, KS (South). Played middle guard as a junior and offensive and defensive tackle as a senior. Projected as middle guard at NU. 435 bench press, 58-foot shotputter, has won several power lifting contests in Kansas and Oklahoma. Strongest lineman Husker coaches saw during recruiting. Missed three games and didn't make all-city in Wichita, but recruiters from the Kansas schools, Minnesota, Tennessee and Arkansas wanted him. 13 brothers and sisters. "The most unbelievable thing I've ever seen is his not making all-city," Charlie McBride said. "They must have a different way of voting. There was no better lineman in Wichita or in the state. I'll tell you that."

NEIL SMITH, LL, 6-6, 230, New Orleans, LA (McDonogh 35). Perhaps the "sleeper" of the recruiting class. Excellent 4.7 speed, projected for defensive line. Recruited by Grambling, Southern, Florida A&M. "He's got excellent growth potential and exceptional feet for a guy that tall," Charlie McBride said.

MARK MENDEL, LL, 6-3, 230, Plymouth, MN (Wayzata). Played outside linebacker and offensive guard for 6-3 team. All-Lakes Conference (big schools in suburban Minneapolis) and consensus all-stater. Will be given trial at middle guard and offensive guard. 4.6 speed, top open 100-meter sprinter at Wayzata, second in state discus last year and will be one of the top shotputters in state this spring, avid weightlifter. Wanted to go to Nebraska all along but had decided on Indiana until Huskers made late offer. Brigham Young recruited him as a fullback. "Mark's a rare athlete, a great prospect. He'll be one of the fastest linemen Nebraska has ever seen," Wayzata Coach Roger Lipelt said.

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TROY AIKMAN, QB, 6-3, 190, Henryetta, OK, 4.7 speed. Honorable mention on U.S.A. Today All-U.S.A. team. Had 4,762 yards in total offense as a three-year starter. Passed for 1,011 yards and rushed for 714 yards his senior season. Passed for 30 touchdowns during his career. Played safety on defense. Has the potential to be a classic drop-back passer. Named to the Daily Oklahoman, Tulsa World and The Norman Transcript's Blue Chip lists.

ROTNEI ANDERSON, DB, 6-1, 180, Dickinson, TX, 4.6 speed. All-State. Rated byone recruiting service as the third best defensive back in Texas. The Houston Chronicle says he is fifth best. Played at the same high school that produced former University of Texas star Donnie Little.

GARY BENNETT, LL, 6-3, 250, Evergreen, CO, 4.9 speed. All-State. Compares favorably with Steve Williams and John Roush, other Colorado Blue Chippers who attended OU. One national recruiting service lists him as the No. 1 guard prospect in the Big Eight area. Played offensive and defensive tackle in high school.

CLARK BROWN, RB, 5-10½, 175, Riverside, CA, (Rubidoux), Blazing speed. Has 4.3 speed in the 40. Played tailback for his high school team, rushing for 600 yards and averaging 11.4 yards per carry. Is considered a fine defensive prospect also. His HS coach describes him as better than former Kansas star Kerwin Bell.

OLIVER BROWN, SE, TB, 6-3, 190, Oklahoma City, OK (Del City), 4.5 speed. Honorable mention All-U.S.A. team. Caught 16 passes for 236 yards his senior year. Daily Oklahoman and Norman Transcript Blue Chip list. Was a receiver most of the year but moved to tailback for playoffs. Also played at defensive end.

LYDELL CARR, RB, 6-2, 195, Enid, OK, 4.5 speed. Made every high school All-State team and every Blue-Chip list published. Had an extraordinary career at Enid High, capping it with a senior year that saw him rush for 2,077 yards in 318 carries. Gained a total of 3,327 yards while at EHS. Rushed for 164 yards and scored two touchdowns in the state championship game. Tulsa World Player of the Year. Daily Oklahoman Back of the Year. Scored 29 touchdowns in three years. U.S.A. Today honorable mention All-U.S.A. team. Chosen one of the top 300 high school players in the country by nation's coaches.

PATRICK COLLINS, RB, 5-10, 175, Tulsa, OK, (Washington), Blazing 4.3 speed. Rushed for 1,960 yards and averaged 8.8 yards per try his senior season. Scored 28 touchdowns to lead the state's Class 5A teams in scoring. Tulsa Offensive Player of the year as selected by The Tulsa Tribune. Made every Blue-Chip list released. Tulsa World's All-Metro Player of the Year. Named All-America by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association. Gained more than 3,000 yards during his career. Is considered the fastest back in the state.

BOYD COWAN, DB, 6-1, 190, Odessa, TX, 4.6 speed. Played safety on defense and running back on offense. Also rated highly as a punter. Son of former starting OU halfback Jackie Cowan. Member of the Fort Worth Star Telegram's Top 100 team, being ranked in the Top 10 as a defensive back.

RICHARD DAVIS, LL, 6-2, 232, Tulsa, OK (Jenks), 4.8 speed. Recruited by just about every major university in the country. National High School Coaches All-America team. Unanimous Blue-Chip selection. Most valuable defensive player in both his conference and district. Led Jenks in tackles. Compiled 118 unassisted tackles during his career. Can bench press 400 pounds. Three-year starter. All-Metro twice. Some think he is the best noseguard prospect in the state. Played guard on offense.

RICHARD DILLON, RB, LB, 6-0, 182, Ringling, OK, 4.6 speed. Played tailback during his last two years in high school, rushing for 3,196 yards and scoring 44 touchdowns. Ran for 1,304 yards in his senior year even though missing three game. Class state champ in high and intermediate hurdles. Three-year starter who led his team in tackles as a linebacker.

RICKY DIXON, DB, 5-10, 170, Dallas, TX (Wilmer-Hutchins), 4.65 speed. All-State. Rated as the third best cornerback in the state by one recruiting service. Fort Worth Star-Telegram rated him as one of the top 100 players in Texas and the second best defensive back in the state. Another recruiting service picked him as one of the

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Lone Star state's top 60 players.

SCOTT GARL, RB/DB, 6-1, 197, Hominy, OK, 4.5 speed. Daily Oklahoman and Norman Transcript Blue Chip list. Played fullback in high school. Rushed for 1,414 yards in nine games, missing part of the season due to a broken arm. Also a fine cornerback. Rushed for 3,225 career yards and averaged 10.3 yards per carry during his stay at Hominy. Led his team to two state titles. Considered an outstanding blocker. Compiled 123 tackles and recovered five fumbles during his senior year. Intercepted three passes. Lettered in four different sports.

MICKEY GREENE, LL, 6-3, 250, Oklahoma City, OK (Millwood), 5.0 speed. Made every Blue Chip list. Played every offensive down for his high school for four years. Also started the last two years as a defensive lineman. Recruited by almost all of the country's well known football schools. Made 148 tackles as a senior. District Lineman of the Year. Captain in both his junior and senior seasons. Named Little All-City Co-Lineman of the Year by the Oklahoma City Times.

CHRIS HOWARD, RB/DB, 6-2, 195, Overland Park, KS, (Bishop Meige), 4.8 speed. All-State. Considered to be one of the top 11 high school prospects in the state of Kansas. Rated by the Topeka Capital-Journal as the eighth best player in the state. Rushed for almost 900 yards last season, averaging 7.9 yards per carry. Fine defensive back as well, a position he could end up playing at OU. An outstanding catcher who probably will play baseball with the Sooners in addition to his football responsibilities.

MARK HUTSON, LL, 6-3½, 275, Fort Smith, AR, (North Side), 5.2 speed. Two-way starter in high school. Considered the top line prospect in the state of Arkansas by the Little Rock paper, The Arkansas Gazette. Mammoth prospect who probably will play offense in college. Recruited by the usual number of "name" schools before deciding on OU.

KEITH JACKSON, TE, 6-3, 235, Little Rock, AR, (Parkview), 4.6 speed. On everybody's Blue Chip list. Considered to be the top player in the state of Arkansas. Parade All-America. One of the premier tight end prospects in the country. Playing for a run-oriented team, Jackson caught 26 passes in his senior season, averaging 23 yards per reception. He scored nine touchdowns. Also played split end and free safety. All-State two years. Recruited by almost every major football power.

STEVE JONES, RB, 6-0, 175, Midwest City, OK, 4.3 speed. All-State. Norman Transcript Blue Chip list. Home-run threat in high school, rushing for 1,239 yards in 13 games. Averaged seven yards a carry. Also is being considered as a defensive back. One of the state's top track athletes, outstanding in the dashes. Caught 11 passes for 116 yards as a senior. Returned kicks in high school.

KERT KASPER, LB, 6-3, 225, Houston, TX (North Brook), 4.7 speed. Broke all of his school's tackling records last season. Generally rated as one of the state's top five linebackers, number three according to the Houston Chronicle. Picked as one of the top 60 players in the state. Compared favorably to former North Brook Blue-Chipper Ty Allert, now at Texas.

AUBREY KING, SE, 6-3, 180, Denver, CO, (Washington), 4.4 speed. All-State. Three-year starter in high school. Led the Denver metro area in receiving. Will play split end at OU. Denver Post rates him as the best receiver in Colorado. Played cornerback and safety in high school as well as split end. Excellent height and speed for position he plays.

BOB LATHAM, DL, 6-4½, 230 Claremore, OK, 4.9 speed. Two-way starter in high school at center and defensive tackle. Was credited with 84 tackles as a senior. Considered by many recruiters to be a real "sleeper" because of his potential for growth. Honorable mention on the All-U.S.A. team. Tulsa Tribune Blue-Chip list.

DON MALONEY, RB, 5-11, 170, Chickasha, OK, 4.5 speed. Daily Oklahoman and Norman Transcript Blue Chip lists. His high school coach calls him "the most underpublicized great back in the history of the state." Rushed for 1,647 yards on 200 carries during his senior season. Broke an agility record at Nebraska's 1983 summer football camp Caught 14 passes for 238 yards last year. Considered by many to be perfect for the wingback position.

ANTHONY PHILLIPS, LL, 6-3, 256, Tulsa, OK, (Jenks), 4.8 speed. Unanimous All-State. Made everyone's Blue Chip list. Three-year starter. Honorable mention All-U.S.A. team. Played tackle on both sides of the ball as a senior. Bench presses 390. Rated by one recruiting service as the top player in Oklahoma. Brother Jon is an OU redshirt freshman.

CHRIS RICHARDS, RB, 5-10½, 175, Lake View Terrace, CA, (San Fernando), 4.4 speed. Played tailback in the I formation and halfback in the wishbone. Rushed for 1,100 yards and scored nine touchdowns last season. Had eight runs for 50 yards or more. His coach says: "He has great acceleration and runs laterally without losing speed." Won the 60-yard dash at a February invitational track meet in Los Angeles with the record time of 6.25. Has run the 100-yard dash in 9.6.

DAMON STELL, RB/DB, 6-0, 192, Oklahoma City, OK, (Putnam North), 4.5 speed. All-State defensive back. Daily Oklahoman and Norman Transcript Blue Chip lists. Rushed for 2,601 yards during his career. Averaged five tackles a game last season. A virtual one-man team in high school providing almost all of his team's offense with runs, halfback passes and receptions. He also kicked off, punted and returned kicks.

DERRICK WHITE, RB/DB, 5-9, 170, Lubbock, TX, (Estacado), 4.5 speed. Injury hampered his senior season. Considered to be one of the better running backs in west Texas. Brother of Kelvin White, an OU recruit two years ago who left before his freshman year was complete.

CURTICE WILLIAMS, LL, 6-2, 235, Pine Bluff, AR, 4.9 speed. All-State. Named by The Arkansas Gazette (Little Rock) as one of the top two linemen in the state. Played defensive tackle in high school but could be used as a noseguard in college.

TONY WOODS, T, 6-5, 260, Colorado Springs, CO, (Harrison), Rated as one of Colorado's top linemen by The Denver Post. One Big Eight recruiter says Woods "has all the tools to be a franchise." Also a wrestler. Played on run-oriented team and excelled as an offensive tackle. Went to elementary school in Oklahoma City.

OKLAHOMA STATE

RICKY ADAMS, LB, 6-2, 225, Hutchinson, KS. A junior college All-American who may have the ability to step in and play in a hurry at Oklahoma State. Was All-Jayhawk Conference and runs the 40 in 4.6 seconds.

BRYAN ANDRESS, DL, 6-3, 230, De Leon, TX. First team All-State in Texas as well as All-District and All-Area. Runs a five-flat 40 and is efficient in the classroom as well with a 3.0 GPA.

DAVID BAILEY, LB, 6-3, 215, Oklahoma City, OK (U. S. Grant). All-City performer out of U. S. Grant was also named All-Mid States. Runs the 40 in 4.9 and carries a 2.5 Grade Point Average.

KENNETH CUMBY, LB, 6-0, 205, Athens, TX. A talented defensive performer who was All-District and All-East Texas after his senior season. Cousin of former Oklahoma and NFL star George Cumby. Runs the 40 in 4.7 and carries a 2.5 GPA out of high school.

MIKE FREEMAN, DL, 6-5, 230, Oklahoma City, OK (Putnam City). On the Daily Oklahoman's Blue Chip list. Highly recruited prospect out of Oklahoma. Daily Oklahoman Lineman of the Year and on both Daily Oklahoman and Tulsa World All-State lists. Good speed, 4.7 in the 40 and good student with 3.0 GPA.

RODDERICK GAINES, DB/QB, 6-2, 185, Tyler, TX (Chapel Hill). All-District in Texas. Versatile athlete who can play quarterback or in the secondary. Covers the 40 in 4.6 seconds and carries a 2.7 GPA out of Chapel Hill High School.

HAROLD GREEN, RB/DB, 6-1, 185, Orange, TX (West Orange Stark). One of the top offensive/defensive backs in the Lone Star State. Rushed for 1,855 yards and scored 16 touchdowns over his final two seasons. Named All-Golden Triangle and All-District both his junior and senior seasons. Was a starter on basketball team, averaging 12 points. District champion in 400 meter with a time of 47.6. Covers the 40 with a speedy 4.5.

SCOTT HENDERSON, TE, 6-4, 215, Mesquite, TX A three sport letterman at Mesquite, football, basketball and baseball. Listed on the Dallas Times Herald's Blue Chip Top 50. All-District performer who was also named to the Ft. Worth Star Telegram's list of Top 100 players in Texas. An excellent student with 3.1 GPA.

MARCUS JONES, DL, 6-2, 240, Port Arthur, TX (Lincoln). All-District as offensive and defensive lineman. All-State as defensive tackle. Named Houston Chronicle All Area and All Golden Triangle. Runs the 40 in 4.9 and carries a 3.2 GPA at Lincoln High School.

JASON KIDDER, OL, 6-4, 240, Appleton, WI. The Cowboys went North for this offensive lineman who was All-Conference and All-District both his junior and senior seasons. First team All-State by UPI after his senior year. Secondteam All-State by AP and selected to Shrine Bowl All-Star team. Runs 40 in 4.9 and carries a 3.4 GPA.

MATT KOLB, L, 6-4, 230, Chickasha, OK. All-District performer and named to the Coaches All-State team. Good size and speed (4.8 in the 40) and a 2.5 student.

TERRY LEE, DL, 6-3, 240, Jenks, OK. May have been the best of an exceptional group of linemen at Jenks. All-Conference and All-District after his senior season. Covers the 40 in 4.9 and carries a 2.5 GPA.

GARRETT LIMBRICK, QB, 6-3, 210, Houston, TX (Northbrook). The Cowboys wanted to sign several quality quarterbacks and this one may top the list. A Texas Blue Chipper, passed for 1,561 yards as a senior after compiling almost 1,400 yards as a junior. Can also run the ball as his 758 rushing yards a year ago shows. On Houston Chronicle's list of Top 100 Players in Texas. Honorable Mention All-Greater Houston and on the Texas Blue Chip list. Quick, runs a 4.7 40 and carries a 2.5 GPA.

CURTIS LUPER, RB, 6-1, 185, Sherman, TX. Could be one of OSU's top prizes after the dust settles. Twice named All-District. On the Top 25 Blue Chip List by Dallas TimeHerald, Dallas Morning News and Ft. Worth Star Telegram. Leading scorer in 5A in the Metroplex. Second leading rusher in Metroplex. Fourth leading receiver in Metroplex. Rated the second best back in Texas by the Houston Chronicle. Runs the 40 in 4.43 seconds and carries a 2.5 GPA.

GREG McCALISTER, LB, 6-2, 210, Midwest City, OK. All-Conference linebacker at Midwest City. Runs the 40 in 4.7 seconds so he'll be right at home on the quick OSU defensive unit. Good student with a 2.9 grade point average.

CHRIS SCHEVE, FB/P, 6-3, 215, Houston, TX (Westchester). All-District and first team All-Greater Houston after playing fullback and averaging almost 40 yards per kick as a punter. On the Houston Chronicle's list of Top 100 players. Runs a 4.6 40 and carries a 2.6 GPA.

RODNEY SCOTT, TE, 6-4, 240, Fayetteville, NC (Reid Ross). One of OSU's last signees, but he was worth waiting for. All Conference two consecutive years as well as All-District. Obvious good size to go along with 4.8 speed. Played on State Championship team his junior season. 2.8 student.

KEVIN SIMIEN, WR/DB, 6-3, 190, Port Arthur, TX (Stephen F. Austin). First team All-District and Houston Chronicle All-Area as well as All-Golden Triangle. Highly regarded as defensive back (one of best eight in Texas). Nominated for South All-Star team. Versatile athlete was first team All-District in basketball and member of sprint relay team. A 22.81 long jumper and 6-4 high jumper as a junior. Runs 40 in 4.6 and carries a 3.2 GPA.

JUSTIN SPRINGER, OL, 6-4, 250, Midwest City, OK. All-State and on Daily Oklahoman Blue Chip list. Rated by some as second best lineman in state. Tulsa World and Daily Oklahoma All-Stater. With him in the lineup, MWC was 8-0. With him out of lineup with ankle injury, Bombers were 2-2. Outstanding student with 3.9 grade point average.

CHRIS STANLEY, L, 6-4½, 220 Elk City, OK. All-State selection by Daily Oklahoman, Tulsa World and Coaches Association. All-District defensive tackle and 3-3A Defensive Player of the Year. Led team with 117 tackles and had 21 quarterback sacks in final two seasons. Runs a 4.9 forty and carries a 3.0 GPA.

THURMAN THOMAS, RB, 5-11, 185, Missouri City,TX (Willowridge). The number one rated runningback in the State of Texas and the most recruited player in Texas. His list of accomplishments is astounding. USA Today All-American, Parade All-American, Offensive Player of the Year, First team All-District, First team All-Greater Houston by the Post and Chronicle, Offensive Player of the Year by the Houston Touchdown Club. Numbers are equally impressive. Rushed for 1,556 yards as a senior despite missing three gamewith an ankle injury. As a junior, he gained 1,573 yards. His Willowridge team had a streak of 27 straight wins. Dallas Morning News rated Thomas as the third best running back in the nation, Runs a 40 in 4.75 and carries a 2.8 GPA.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, QB, 6-3, 195, Wichita Falls, TX (Rider). Rated one of the top quarterbacks in Texas. Threw for more than 1,300 yards while completing 60 percent of his passes as a senior. Texas Blue Chipper in football also rated by Dallas Morning News as one of the top five basketball players in Texas. Covers the 40 in 4.7 and maintains a 3.1 grade point average at Rider. All-District, Offensive Player of the Year and All-Red River. An outstanding prospect.

MIKE WOLFE, OL, 6-4, 235, Miami, OK. Highly recruited athlete who was a quarterback through his sophomore season. Tulsa World, Daily Oklahoman and Coaches Association All-Stater who can play center, guard or tackle. Oklahoma Blue Chipper who was also third in the state in the shot as a junior. Son of Northeastern A&M football coach Glen Wolfe. Carries a 3.7 GPA and covers the 40 in 5.0.

BYRON WOODARD, DL, 6-3, 285, Houston, TX (Lamar). All-District defensive lineman as senior. Has size (6-3, 285) and speed (5.0 in the 40) and carries a 2.5 GPA.

JEFF PATTERSON, DL, 6-3, 245, Fayetteville, NC (Douglas Byrd). All-Conference after his junior and senior seasons and member of the 83-84 Eastern 4A Champions. One of two signees from Byrd HS in Fayetteville. Runs 40 in 4.9.

RICKY SHAW, LB, 6-4, 225, Fayetteville, NC (Douglas Byrd). All-State tight end and defensive end. Could be custom-made for a defensive end spot at OSU. Sports Writers Player of the Year in North Carolina and was Most Valuable Player in track and football at Douglas Byrd High School. Strong, ranked first in the state in discus with 169 feet 5½ inches. Runs 40 in 4.75 and carries a 2.8 GPA.

NEBRASKA'S

JARVIS REDWINE

FACT: Seven walk-ons will begin Nebraska's fall football camp as starters. That's roughly 32 percent of the starting lineup on a team expected to contend again for the national championship.

FACT: Two of Nebraska's six all-time leading rushers — I.M. Hipp from Chapin, S.C., and Jarvis Redwine from Englewood, Calif.—came to Lincoln as walk-ons...players without athletic scholarships.

FACT: Two current starters in the National Football League—Detroit Lion linebacker Jimmy Williams and New England Patriot defensive end Toby Williams, his brother—"walked on" at Nebraska from Washington D.C.

FICTION: Nebraska's walk-on program is an underhanded operation, covering its tracks in a system loaded with improprieties.

Tom Osborne has heard a multitude of charges since 1962 when he "walked on" himself as a graduate assistant coach who began working for the Huskers in return for meals at the NU training table.

Osborne has heard the charges and doesn't think critics are interested in hearing the perfect defense...the truth.

The truth is Nebraska, the universally-acclaimed walk-on capital of college football, works harder at recruiting walk-ons than anyone else in the country. The Huskers also have more patience in developing walk-ons than anyone else in the country.

Even though Hipp and Redwine and the Williams brothers are the "glamour guys" whose stories are told and retold from coast-to-coast, Nebraska's walk-on program is a basic one.

Its fundamental roots are planted right into the home turf. For almost four months last year, the 1983 Cornhuskers were believed to be one of the top college football teams of all time.

Yes, the biggest stars were Mike Rozier from Camden, N.J., Irving Fryar from Mt. Holly, N.J., and Turner Gill from Fort Worth, Texas. But don't think Osborne's best team in 11 years was an imported team. It included 14 native Nebraskans as starters, the same number scheduled to open the 1984 season.

Nebraska has a reputation as one of the most consistent and solid football programs in the United States. But where would the Huskers be without their walk-ons?

WALKONS, WALK TALL

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By RANDY YORK, Lincoln Journal & Star

"Somewhere down the line," answered Osborne. "Some places don't really want to be bothered with walk-ons. They really kind of discourage them. We encourage them. They're the salvation of our program. We don't live in a high-density population. We have to attract walk-ons from anywhere we can to survive."

Osborne admits Nebraska "is a little bit unique because unlike Kansas and Kansas State and Wichita State and Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Tulsa, there is no Nebraska State. We only have one Division I team in the state." Because of that simple fact, Nebraska commands the unyielding commitment of the fans and the unending loyalty of its athletes.

"The other thing we have going for us is a freshman football team where we give everybody a chance to play and be evaluated," Osborne said. "And we do save scholarships for our walk-ons. We average five to seven scholarships for walk-ons a year." Osborne labels the situation a two-way street. "This past year," he pointed out, "we awarded 17 scholarships. Missouri gave out 25 and everybody else in the Big Eight gave out 28 to 30." To Osborne, simple mathematics delivers an obvious conclusion. "There weren't very many schools in the conference that could give more than one or two scholarships to walk-on."

Nebraska minimized its numbers because of the overall maximum of 95 scholarships allowed by the NCAA. Even though the Huskers were nearing a numbers squeeze, "we felt we still wanted to give five or six scholarships to walk-ons," Osborne said. "So we'll end up with 22 or 23 scholarships awarded by the first part of the summer. We really cut ourselves down a lot, compared to everybody else, so we'd have something for our walk-ons. If you're going to have a good walk-on program, you've got to have scholarships for those people who can play." Nebraska has enough problems battling false images of its walk-on program. The Huskers aren't about to give rival recruiters real ammunition to shoot them down.

"There have been articles in papers down South that we give out county scholarships," Osborne said. "Some people actually think that 90 counties in Nebraska each sponsor a player and send them to the university and that these county scholarships are worth more than regular scholarships."

Obviously, it's a myth. But it's a myth with which Nebraska has been forced to deal. "We had a recruit down in Tampa this year one of our top recruits had been told we gave out county scholarships," Osborne said. "We've talked to several other players in Texas and the Deep South who have asked us about county scholarships. People will tell them that Nebraska has 30 scholarships, plus 90 county scholarships, so we bring in 120 players on scholarships."

Osborne realizes "there are an awful lot of people around the country who believe that somehow or another, we're cheating on walk-ons. That's a very common belief."

The truth of the matter is, however, "we look at extensive films of walk-ons and have basically two weekends each year when we have 20 to 25 walk-ons pay their own way to visit our campus. Most schools don't do that. They just ask their walk-ons to walk on in the fall.

"We actively recruit walk-ons. We try to have them come in here and get an idea of what's available as far as academics, facilities and those kinds of things. If you show walk-ons a little interest and attention, some people will walk on. We take the time with them. We have a freshman program. And we don't cut them or give up on them as fast as a lot of schools."

Occasionally, Nebraska's long-term commitment to walk-ons causes some rather dramatic liabilities. Even though the Huskers have scholarships available, they have rejected highly-recruited players after reading rather low scholarship totals. "It's really a hard decision when you've got a guy who's being recruited by a lot of people and wants to come to Nebraska," Osborne said. "You've got to decide whether you go ahead and take him or sacrifice some walk-on who's already in your program. You want to have something available for him. Two years ago, we had about 40 players who wanted to come here. They were all bona fide major college players that we could have signed. We signed 23 of them. We saved the rest of the scholarships for walk-ons."

At Nebraska, walk-ons aren't walk-ons forever. Once a player reaches a clear-cut position on the two-deep depth chart and has more or less guaranteed himself prime-time playing, he receives a scholarship. In such cases, scholarships aren't considered gifts. They're rewards held in the highest regard by the coaches and the players. The Nebraska media treats walk-on scholarships with the same respect as a magna cum laude graduate. Recipients of such scholarships become the football versions of folk heros.

Although that respect stretches beyond most reasonable limits, it is no surprise that I.M. Hipp and Jarvis Redwine are two of the most popular players in Nebraska football history.

Hipp finished his Husker career in 1979 with 2,814 yards rushing. Until Rozier came along, that total ranked No. 1 on Nebraska's all-time list of legendary running backs.

After watching Nebraska crush Alabama, 34-7, in the 1972 Orange Bowl, Hipp decided he wanted to be a Husker. He watched Nebraska outlast Oklahoma 35-31, in the famous "Game of the Century" and for reasons even he couldn't explain, he sided with the Huskers.

When a broken collar bone kept Hipp out of five games in his senior year of high school, college recruiters backed off. Among them were South Carolina, a school making a coaching change from Paul Dietzel to Jim Carlen.

As unbelievable as it sounds, Isaiah Moses Hipp did not receive one major college football scholarship offer after his senior year of high school. So he took matters into his own hands and wrote Nebraska, asking for a chance to walk on.

Huskers coaches wrote him back, saying they would love to have him. Being a "pure" walk-on who was not actively recruited, Hipp qualified for a Basic Equal Opportunity Grant (BEOG), a federally funded grant for needy students.

Thanks to a suggestion from Nebraska Sports Information Director Don Bryant, Isaiah Hipp became I.M. Hipp and the player's performance matched the flair of his name.

Four games into his sophomore season, Sports Illustrated was doing a feature story on this curious phenomenon, who borrowed $96 from his girlfriend, so he could fly to Lincoln and earn a chance to play.

I. M. HIPP

NEBRASKA'S WALK-ONS

Continued from the previous page.

Notice the key word "earn". Hipp was not an overnight success story. Only 5-11 and 185, he became one of Nebraska's most dedicated weight lifters and developed himself into a great player.

When Hipp was a freshman, Tom Osborne didn't know Isaiah Hipp from a load of hay. According to a newspaper story, Osborne once asked: "Who is that guy over there?" Nobody knew. "Where is he from?" Osborne asked. Again, nobody knew.

By the end of the year, Hipp had won more than one term of endearment and after a redshirt season, he was ready to burst into national prominence.

Redwine is an equally interesting story. Rival coaches can accuse Nebraska of collusion. But if they do, they've never bothered to check the real "Jarvis Redwine Story".

As ridiculous as it sounds, the Huskers owe receiver coach Gene Huey a lot for having an unforgettable face that led to Redwine's transfer from Oregon State, the first school that recruited him.

In November of 1977, Redwine was sitting in front of a television set with a group of Oregon State players, watching the annual shootout between Nebraska and Oklahoma.

When the camera zoomed in on Osborne on the sidelines, Huey was standing next to him. The face registered. "Hey," Redwine said, "that's Gene Huey, the guy who tried to recruit me for New Mexico."

Huey may not have gotten the job done for the Lobos. But he's the reason Redwine became an All-American and Nebraska's sixth all-time leading rusher with 2,161 yards.

Redwine played in seven varsity games for Oregon State as a freshman, rushing for 259 yards on 53 carries. But he developed a conflict with the coaching staff as a sophomore. He did not play in his first two games and one day after he rushed for 95 yards on 15 carries in a loss at Tennessee, the coaches were still riding him. So he quit, cold turkey. "I'd had enough," he said. "There was so much pressure to win and it wasn't getting done. You couldn't confide in a coach. It was more or less 'hi' and 'bye'. There was no togetherness. It wasn't just me. There were others who wanted to quit. I just decided I was going to."

The next summer, Redwine realized how much he missed football. He also remembered seeing Huey's face on television. On a lark, "I called him on the phone," Redwine said. "I'd been thinking about going over to Hawaii and playing. But what I really wanted was to get to a school that won and went to a bowl game."

A lot of schools would have discouraged Redwine. Not Nebraska, the "land of opportunity". Huey told Redwine if he wanted to transfer, he needed to get a release from Oregon State and get to Lincoln, register for classes, be a walk-on and plan on a year as a redshirt.

"It was tough," Redwine recalled. "I was making $8 an hour on a construction job and yet I had to get to Lincoln. I'll never forget my round-trip plane fare from Corvallis to Lincoln—$288. When it comes out of your own pocket, you don't forget something like that."

The rest, of course, is history. Redwine came to Lincoln, ran scout team as a redshirt and ran away from everybody in two exciting seasons.

The walk-on stories of the Williams brothers is no less interesting. They came to Lincoln together from Washington D.C., an ironic twist since Langston Coleman also came from D.C.

Coleman generally is considered Nebraska's first walk-on in the Bob Devaney-Tom Osborne era. He hitchhiked to Lincoln and enrolled at NU at the urging of Ted Sorenson, a Nebraska alum who was an adminstrative aide for President John F. Kennedy. Coleman's mother worked for Sorenson in Washington.

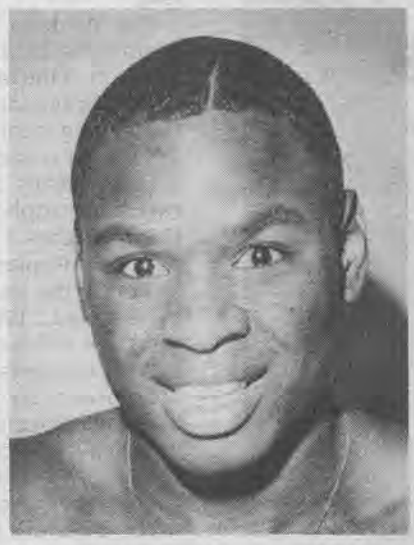
Coleman, now a lobbyist for the U.S. Conference of Majors in Washington, went on to start for Nebraska as a defensive end in the 1965 Cotton Bowl, the 1966 Orange Bowl and the 1967 Sugar Bowl. Coleman prides himself on being Nebraska's first walk-on, but he admits he did not have the overall talent of the Williams brothers.

Jimmy and Toby were victims of a poorly-budgeted, understaffed football program at Woodrow Wilson High School in Washington D.C. "The program was pitiful," Jimmy said. "No colleges even heard of us until after all the scholarships were given out. It was so bad, we had to lend our high school coach the money so he could send films to Nebraska and they could take a look at us as walk-ons."

Both Jimmy and Toby received scholarship offers from Virginia Union in Richmond, but both had dreams of playing big-time football. A letter-writing campaign and the Huskers' warm response convinced the two that Nebraska was for them. "They seemed really interested in helping us in more than just football," Toby said. "I can understand why Nebraska has the reputation as the best walk-on program in the country."

Osborne, impressed with the grainy film he saw, was able to give the two brothers more than a wish and promise. Since they came from a family with eight or more children, both qualified for BEOG grants. They also had decent summer jobs in the Baltimore area and were able to save enough money to make the trip to Lincoln.

Neither regretted it. Jimmy never did redshirt. He became a co-captain, an All-American and a first-round draft



Photos l to r:
Jimmy Williams;
Head Coach Tom Osborne;
below l to r:
Dennis Watkins, the newest walkon sensation;
Langston Coleman, Nebraska's first walkon.

choice of the Detroit Lions. Toby never achieved the same level of collegiate status, but he's been a productive player in the NFL.

And the tradition goes on. Even though he didn't finish the spring as a starter, Nebraska's next big walk-on success story may well be Dennis Watkins, a quick-moving, hard-hitting cornerback from Chicago's Carver High.

Watkin's style is reminiscent of Lester Hayes and his story is reminiscent of Jarvis Redwine. One NU assistant describes Nebraska's football program as the "Boys Town" of Lincoln and Watkins is another chapter in this unique story.

Watkins originally went to Kentucky State in Frankfort, but was kicked off the team for disciplinary reasons two weeks before the season started. He was a 17-year-old kid who got in a fight at the wrong time. The coach reconsidered and wanted to give Watkins back his scholarship. But he said no and returned to Chicago where he attended Northeastern Illinois, a small NAIA school, for two years.

Watkins, remembering how Nebraska had recruited a former high school teammate, fired off five letters to Division I schools, including one to Nebraska. "They responded right away," he said. "When I got a phone call from Tom Osborne himself, I knew how they felt about walk-ons. That showed how interested he was in a player as a person. Other schools just send a form letter from an assistant coach."

Watkins' preseverence paid off. After spending a redshirt season at Nebraska this past year, he was told in May that he would receive a scholarship for the next two seasons.

Watkins could join Ken Graeber as an out-of-state walk-on who will start for the Huskers. Graeber is a middle guard from Minneapolis. Coaches insist he has All-Big Eight potential.

Minneapolis has been fertile ground for Nebraska walk-ons. Cornerback Rodney Lewis came off the playgrounds of Minneapolis Central High School, walked on at Nebraska and became a third-round draft choice of the New Orleans Saints.

The walk-on programs, however, still has a homestate foundation. Six of the seven walk-ons scheduled to start for the Huskers this fall are graduates of Nebraska high schools. They include: Brian Hiemer, a 6-3, 215 pound tight end from David City Aquinas. He was cut from the team twice by Huey, the same receiver coach who helped lure Redwine. Mike McCashland, a 6-1, 200 pound defensive back from Lincoln East. Scott Strasburger, a 6-1, 210 pound defensive end from Holdrege. A premed major with a 3.82 grade-point-average, Strasburger was an Academic All-American last year and could challenge for other All-American honors this season. Mark Daum, a 6-3, 235 pound linebacker from Dix, a tiny little high school that played eight-man football in the Nebraska panhandle. Tom Morrow, a 6-3, 265 pound offensive tackle from Lincoln Pius X. He wasn't all-city or all-state in high school. But he's become a starter through tremendous dedication to strength conditioning. Greg Orton, a 6-1, 260 pound offensive guard from Nebraska City. He's a proven player who has worked his way from the bottom to the top.

It hasn't been an escalator ride for any of the six. But it never is. At Nebraska, players who are willing to sacrifice blood, sweat and tears are eventually rewarded.

Using bowl games for consistency in comparisons, half of the starters in Osborne's first 11 seasons as head coach have been graduates of Nebraska high schools. "A few years ago, Coach Osborne made a study and found that 66 percent of the players who played for us in the last 20 years were Nebraska kids," offered Clete Fischer, Nebraska's veteran offensive line coach.

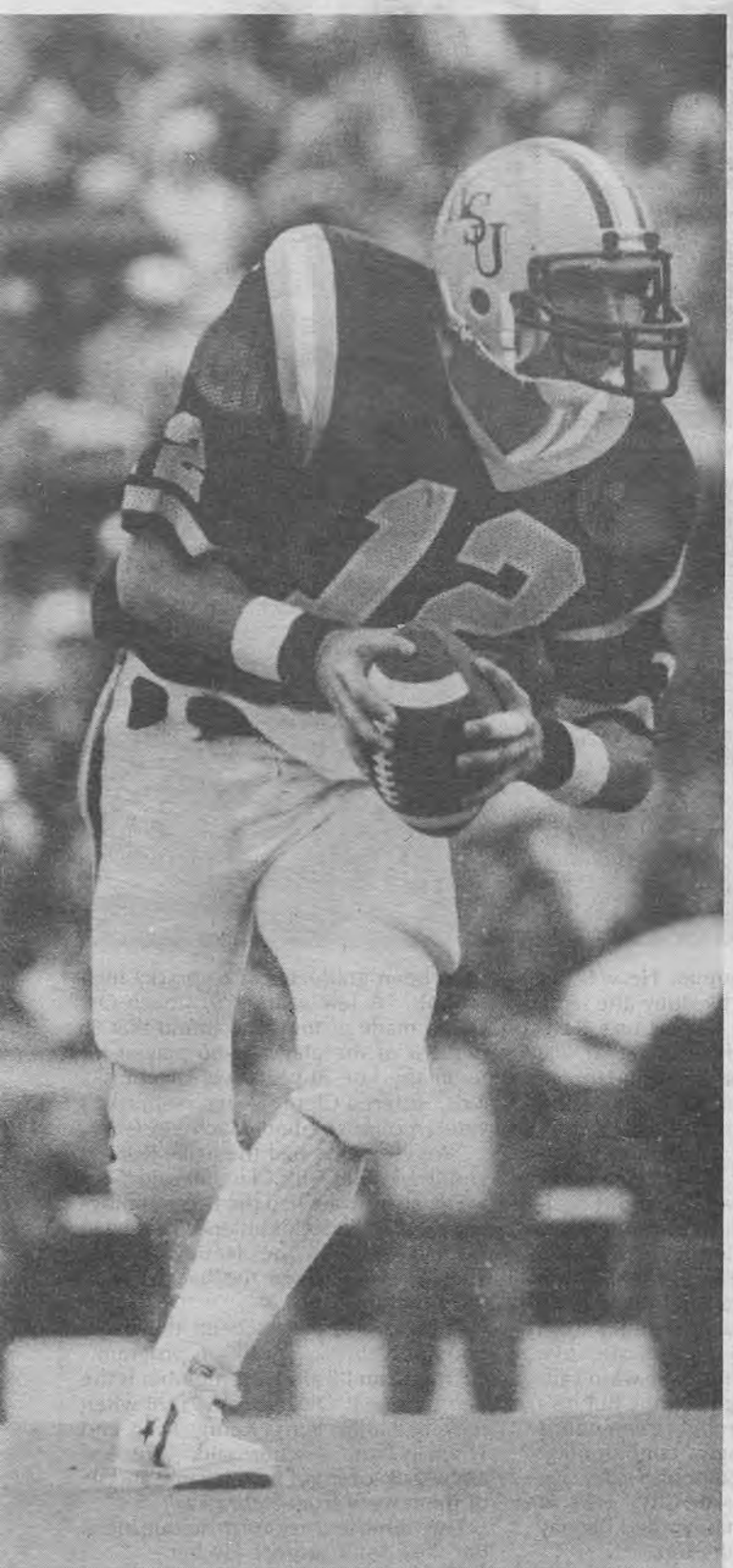
"We've always had the Mike Roziers and the Turner Gills," Fischer said. "But we've also always had the Dave Rimingtons and Dean Steinkuhlers. We'd be in trouble without the Nebraska kids. They've always been the backbone of our program."

They've also always been the backbone of Nebraska's walk-on program.

"The team I'll always remember is the one that beat Oklahoma in 1978 when they had Billy Sims, Kenny King and Thomas Lott," Fischer said. "We had eight walk-ons start in that game and six of them were from Nebraska."

The numbers may surprise outsiders. But they don't surprise Fischer.

"In the Midwest, there's still a lot of pride in your homestate," he said. "These kids grow up wanting to play football here and they know they can be proud when they do. I've been coaching at Nebraska for 24 years and we've never had a scandal. We've never ever had anything remotely close to a scandal."



STAN WEBER (12) will be returning as K-State's Quarterback. He is the guy who was at the helm during the last four games and almost doubled the Wildcats' scoring average.

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Having quarterback Stan Weber from the outset should in itself make Kansas State improved. Weber, after injuries supposedly ruined his career, came out of limbo in November to bring the Wildcats' offense to life. "I think he will be one of the better quarterbacks in the conference," Dickey said.

The Wildcats do not have desired speed among their running backs. But their offensive line, led by tackle Damian Johnson, is the biggest in the Big Eight "and the best we have had," Dickey said. Split end Mike Wallace will rank among the leading receivers, provided he clears an academic hurdle in summer school.

The Wildcats' defense figures to be improved, because of two huge sophomores, tackle Les Miller and noseguard Curtis Hughes. In addition, Scott Fulhage, the top returning punter, and placekicker Steve Willis "are the best pair of kickers in the league, in my opinion," Dickey said.

He added, "We had the best spring practice we ever had. I think we will be a good bit better on offense. We can be better on defense if it's important enough to our players."

Colorado, so porous on defense in recent years, "can become respectable on defense," McCartney said. He cited linebackers Barry Remington and Don Fairbanks and new tackles. The secondary is green, "but we have some real talent back there," McCartney said.

The Buffaloes also expect to improve on offense, because of the addition of redshirt freshman fullback Eric McCarty and an upgrading of their passing attack. A raft of sophomores in the offensive line will rally around one of the nation's best guards in McCartney's view, Junior Ili, and try to be less vulnerable against the blitz.

"We are inching along, making progress, but it is painstakingly slow," McCartney said. "We are better but we are a long way from being there with the best teams in our conference."

Kansas will have new personnel but the same passing philosophy Gottfried brought to Mound Oread last year. He recruited a heralded junior college passer, Mike Norseth, who was impressive in spring practice. so was Mike Orth.

"They give us a chance," Gottfried said. "But I don't know if we can improve our team. We have so many unanswered questions. We have a good center (Bennie Simecka) and I think we have good receivers. I think we have some players who have a chance to be good but we will have to bleed with them."

Gottfried thinks the defense will be improved, because of All-Conference linebacker Willie Pless (who led the Big Eight in tackles last year and is complemented by linebacker Darnell Williams) and new talent in the secondary.

There are no returning first-team All-Americas in the Big Eight but there is no shortage of all-star candidates. The most decorated are Murphy of Oklahoma and Henderson of Iowa State, who were second and third-team All-America selections, respectively.

O'Neal of Oklahoma State, Casillas of OU and Nebraska's pair of Traynowicz and Clark are the most qualified of others being promoted for All-America.

The position with the most prospective stars is center. Besides Traynowicz and Oklahoma's Thomas, who were All-

Conference selections last year, Oklahoma State's David Tucker and Missouri's Phil Greenfield merit All-Big Eight consideration.

The Big Eight has not had as many highly-endorsed newcomers (sophomores and redshirt freshmen) in years. At least four linemen received eyebrow-raising evaluations from their coaches.

Osborne said he thought Spachman "has the ability to make a significant difference" in Nebraska's defense. If a special harness allows tackle Greg Johnson to overcome a neck problem, Switzer said, "he has a chance to be as fine an offensive lineman as ever played at Oklahoma."

Tackle John Clay of Missouri "is the best offensive line prospect we ever had," Powers said. Dickey calls noseguard Curtis Hughes "potentially better than Les Miller if he gets consistent."

Besides Bosworth, Oklahoma will start two other redshirt freshmen on defense who are considered exceptional. Switzer said Andre Johnson "can be one of the best cornerbacks we ever had," and called end Darrell Reed "a Kevin Murphy-type."

Crawford might be the best running back OSU has recruited since Terry Miller.

This does not include sophomores who established themselves last year, such as: Tillman, who set an OU freshman record by gaining 1,047 years; halfback Earl Johnson of Oklahoma, who gained 945 yards; offensive guard Jeff Pickett of Oklahoma; Lewis of O-State, and Miller of Kansas State.

Of all the players in the Big Eight, however, the most important and certainly the one with the biggest key in his hand is an obscure senior with scant experience: Nebraska quarterback Craig Sundberg.

He must replace the imcomparable Gill, the best all-purpose quarterback to play in the Big Eight since John Hadl of Kansas in 1960-61. Sundberg is a competent passer. But he is slower than Gill, less of a scrambler and many doubt he can handle everything in the imaginative Osborne's playbook, as Gill did.

Switzer and Powers cited this in explaining why they expected Nebraska to drop back to the level of its challengers.

"All Tom has to do is get out the film and see what Turner Gill did against us the last two years and I think it will be obvious what a difference he made for them," Switzer said. "I don't think Nebraska will have a quarterback who can scramble and be that kind of threat on the option this year."

Powers said, "Any time you lose your quarterback there is a question about how good you will be. Nebraska lost a guy who never played in a losing conference game. The kid had a special chemistry. He made the plays. There is a lot of slack."

Osborne acknowledged Sundberg "is a step slower than Turner. Maybe we can't do the same things that we did with Gill. But we don't plan to change. We are not going to suddenly be throwing dropback passes. We will keep the option and try to do the same things we did last year."

If Sundberg does not force Osborne to compromise his plans, Nebraska will probably prevail. Barely. A 1961 revisited will have to wait.

KU's All Big Eight linebacker WILLIE PLESS (80), who led the Conference in tackles last year, gets there first.

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THE ULTIMATE THESE DAYS IN QUARTERBACKS IS TURNER GILL. And why not? If you can find a quarterback who can fire bullets and run like a halfback you're going to build some offensive foundations.

Gill became a household word during his three years at Nebraska. There were the three consecutive Big Eight championships as the Huskers stole the reigns from Oklahoma. And there were the three straight tries at a national championship, only to end in heartbreak Jan. 2, against Miami in the Orange Bowl.

There were the stories written that the 1983 Nebraska offense could be the best ever. The reason? Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier obviously had plenty to do with that. So did an offensive line that mowed down everything in front of it. But the blood and guts was Turner Gill. A quarterback who was an excellent passer and would kill enemy defenses with his running of the option and his scrambling ability. So when recruiters go shopping they will stop quickly if they can find a signal caller with those types of rare talents.

When Big Eight schools visit East St. Louis High School they say there's a Turner Gill clone wearing a high school uniform just waiting for a college career which should be filled with nothing but stardom. The clone's name is Ronnie Cameron. He's a 6-1, 180 pounder with 4.6 speed in the 40. Last year he led his team to a state championship. "I guarantee he's another Turner Gill," assured one college recruiter. "He can throw the ball a mile and when he starts to run, you can't tackle him."

"Yes, you could say that he will remind people of Turner Gill," says East St. Louis coach Bob Shannon, who has the good fortune of coaching Cameron another year. "We don't run options like Nebraska does. I'm not a believer in option football. I don't want my quarterback to get killed. But Ronnie could be a great option quarterback. He has a very strong arm and is a great athlete. As a sophomore he played split end for us. Last year he threw for over 1,000 yards and had only four interceptions. He can definitely be an All-American quarterback in college. Turner Gill would be an accurate comparison."

Cameron isn't the only reason why East St. Louis can win another state crown and go undefeated once again. There's a defensive tackle named Joe Howard who will create quite a stir. Howard runs a 4.8 40. "Nebraska recruiter Charlie McBride told me that Howard has some of the quickest feet he's seen on a big guy," said Shannon. "He may even be quicker than 4.8 in the 40. He ran that from a standing start and on grass. He's going to get a lot bigger also."

Let's cross the river on this trip through Big Eight Country and head into St. Louis, The talent is abundant. The best running back in St. Louis, well just about every conference recruiter picked the name of Anthony Stafford of St. Louis Sumpner. He's a 5-9, 170 pounder with 10.5 speed in the 100 meters. As a junior he rushed for over 700 yards and averaged 7.5 yards a carry. "He can cut on a dime and give you change," said prep coach Larry Walls. "He's awesome he's so quick. He's the type of back that won't lose a yard. No doubt about it, he's the best back in St. Louis. I thought he was the best back as a junior. He's like a Greg Pruitt. He would be a great wishbone back."

Another running back to keep an eye on is junior Tony Van Zandt from Hazelwood Central. This 6-1, 180 pounder is just a junior and was a member of the Big Eight Magazine's Schoolboy Super Star second team as a sophomore. "He will be one of the most highly recruited backs in the country when he's a senior," said one recruiter. "He's a natural. He has great moves and great acceleration."

Last year Hazelwood Florissant was a state championship runner-up. Two of the big reasons were linebacker Lee Johnson and lineman Tim Schiller. Johnson is a 6-2½, 235 pounder with 4.8 40 speed. He was an all-state selection as a junior and honorable mention high school All-American. Johnson has some kind of strength—dead lifting over 500 pounds. He played four positions: tight end, fullback, tackle and linebacker. "Every recruiter I talk to say he's a big time linebacker," said coach John Hotfelder. "He's a big, physical linebacker who likes to hit people. He is a devastating blocker on offense."

Schiller is a 6-4, 230 pounder with 4.8 speed. "Every major college likes his size, speed and strength," said Hotfelder, "He has a good chance to be around 6-6 or 6-7. He has excellent foot movement. He would have a good chance to start in college as a sophomore. You name the school and they've been here asking about Johnson and Schiller."

A quarterback at Hazelwood West who has drawn attention is Brian Menkhassen. This 6-5, 190 pounder is a pure passer. He threw for 900 yards as a junior and rushed for 300 more. "He's a thrower, but he can also run," says coach Bob Stover. "He runs a 4.8 40. He can run a boot leg and sprint out. Many of the major colleges were in during the spring to look at him."

Others in St. Louis to keep track of will be defensive back/wide receivers: Ray Dumas of Hazelwood East, Calvin Dixon of McClure North and Kevin Hagens of Riverside Gardens.

There's a lot of other talent around the state. Recruiters already are aware of Steve Box of Joplin Parkwood. "He's the best lineman I've had here in 17 years," praises skipper Dewey Combs. Box is 6-2½, 227 and runs a legit 4.7 40. He helped lead his team to a state championship and was an all-state choice. "He has great ability to pull from the guard position and get down field and block the strong safety. He bench presses over 300 pounds. Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas and Illinois have all been in. He's a definite blue chipper."

Two players at Arnold Fox will be highly recruited, tight end John Palmer (6-4, 210, 4.7) and defensive tackle Kevin White (6-4, 240, 4.9). We've had people in from Notre Dame, Kansas, Iowa, Iowa State, Illinois and Oklahoma looking at these players," said coach Irv Kappler. "Palmer is a great athlete. He caught 30 passes for over 600 yards. He runs the sprint relays in track. He's a big time college prospect. He's a great blocker and has good hands. When he catches the ball it's tough to bring him down. White is a very aggressive lineman with excellent lateral speed. He should be an outstanding defensive lineman in college."

Quarterback/punter Tim Coleman at Hopkins North Nodaway has that blue chip look. As a junior he hit on 85 of 164 passes, rushed for 284 yards and averaged 40.9 per punt. "He's definitely a big-time punter," says coach Marty Albertson. Another quarterback from Missouri who has outstanding talent is Mike Taylor of St. Charles Duchesne. Taylor (6-0, 175, 4.5) hit 71 of 134 passes for over 1,400 yards. He was the second leading rusher on the team with over 300 yards. "He can easily throw the ball over 60 yards," said coach Tom Kivett. "His longest TD pass was 80 yards. Schools like Arkansas, Colorado, Missouri, Indiana and Wichita State have already been in."

Now let's move into the fertile area of Kansas City. Every year Rockhurst is a favorite stomping ground for recruiters. It is one of the top high school programs in the country. Last year it won another state championship and should have a good chance to make it two in a row. There are two players who have recruiters talking, defensive end Mike Ertz (6-3, 215, 4.6) and offensive guard/defensive tackle Mark VanKeirsbilck. "Ertz is a can't miss player," says Rockhurst

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skipper Tony Severino. "In the state championship game he had 13 tackles. He'll be projected as a standup defensive end in college. He has great speed. He ran on our 440 yard relay team in the state meet. He'll be a great college player. Mark is in the elite class. I've never had anyone like him. He's 6-3, 250 and runs a 4.9 40. He started every game both ways. He could start for people in college as a freshman. Everyone in the world is recruiting him. People who have seen him say he's the best lineman ever to come through Rockhurst."

Another player in Kansas City who is drawing a crowd is receiver Marlon Washington (6-1, 185, 4.55) of Kansas City Schlagle. As a junior he was busy catching 51 passes for 1,003 yards and five TD's. He plays basketball and had a 22 plus jump in the long jump in track. He's also a 3.95 student. "He's as good of a receiver as you'll see," said coach Randy Westfahl. "He's just exceptional. He can jump off of a gym. He's a difference maker. Everyone has been here. All of the Big Eight schools and others such as Florida, Miami of Florida and Penn State. The list goes on and on. He reminds me of Anthony Carter coming out of high school before he went to Michigan. But right now, Washington may be better."

Others in the Kansas City area who recruiters are watching are place kicker Brian Whisner of Turner High School and linebacker Brian Reeves of Shawnee Mission West.

Two of the top prospects in the state of Kansas will be at Olathe North. Both running back Brian Carpenter (5-11, 195, 4.48) and teammate Eric Zabelin (6-3, 240, 5.2) have all of the ingredients to become outstanding college players. Carpenter is a speedster who has run a 10.7 100 meters. He played fullback last year and gained 900 yards and averaged seven yards per try.

"He's extremely strong and fast," says coach Gene Weir. "He won a weight lifting meet. He'll play tailback for us. He could be a great wishbone fullback or play fullback in an I-formation like Nebraska and Missouri. Zabelin will probably project as an offensive tackle or guard in college. He's an excellent one on one blocker. He's going to be a fine college player."

Let's move East and head into the state of Iowa. It's harvest time for good linemen, and you have to start with Chuck Waggoner of Southerland. Waggoner is a growing boy. He's 6-8 via 225 pounds. After his sophomore year he ran a 4.8 40 at the Iowa State summer camp. When he's not busy with football he throws the discus 155 feet, runs the 440 in 53.8, is an outstanding basketball player and bench presses 305 pounds. "He's going to be a big, big kid," promises coach David Clayberg. "He's a great prospect. He can do it all. He kicks our placements. We've heard from Iowa, Iowa State, UCLA, Penn State and Illinois, just to name a few."

Over at Spencer, Iowa, recruiters have been buzzing about tight end Dave Campbell (6-4, 215, 4.9) and lineman Randy Bern (6-4, 230, 4.9). "Dave is an outstanding athlete. He's a super basketball and baseball player. He could play baseball in college." says coach Gary Swenson. He'll fill out to be 235 pounds in college. Randy will be a down lineman in college. He has tremendous strength and quickness. There isn't an ounce of fat on him. He's such a good athlete that we've played him at fullback before."

The best running back in Iowa? "It's not even close. It has to be Sidney Jackson," voiced one recruiter. Jackson is from Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson. He's 5-11, 175 and runs a 4.6 40. He gained 600 yards as a junior. TJ coach Bill Carlsen also is quite high on quarterback William Arellano (5-11, 180), who threw for over 700 yards.

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SCOTT SOLLIDAY
Mount Ayr, IA

RANDY MISKOL
Arvada, CO

JIM SHANNON
Arvada, CO

RANDY BERN
Spencer, IA

LONNY STEARNS
Arvada, CO

DERRICK JACKSON
Junction City, KS

TIM COLEMAN
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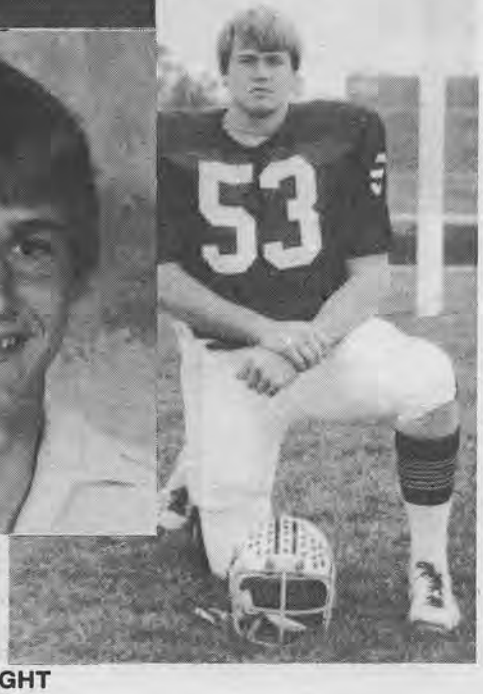

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Mt. Ayr has one of the best linemen in Clint Riggs (6-4, 255, 5.2). "He'll probably be an offensive lineman or noseguard in college," says coach Art Still. "He moves very well for his size. He needs to improve his strength." Another prospect on the Mt. Ayr club is tight end Scott Solliday (6-2½, 205, 4.8). "He bench presses 300 pounds and could also be a very good defensive end." Harlan boasts Mike O'Brien (6-2½, 185, 4.7), a standout athlete. O'Brien had played tight end last year but was moved to tailback for the state championship game. In that contest he rushed for a record setting 188 yards. "He's a very aggressive kid who likes to rattle cages when he plays defense," said coach Curtis Black.

Into Nebraska come recruiters. The place everyone is stopping is Omaha Central. Three years ago this school produced All-American linebacker Larry Station. Two years ago it was massive lineman Tom Stawniak. Last season running back Keith Jones was on the All-American checklists. This time it's linebacker Sean Ridley. Remember the name. He'll be a great one.

"Pound for pound I've never had a better player," says Central coach William Reed. "His raw ability is as good or better than Larry Station's. He's 6-4, 205 and runs a 4.55 40. He ran on the 400 meters relay and that team had the best time in the state. He throws the shot put 57 feet and he has a vertical leap of 36 inches. He ran on an agility track that Nebraska has in its training camp. He ran a 5.9. The record was held by Mike Rozier and Irving Fryar at 6.0. He bench presses 300 pounds. He is one of the best pass rushers I've ever seen. Everyone in the country knows about him. They've been here from Pittsburgh and West Virginia in the East to UCLA in the West."

Central also has a fine split end in Tony Avant (6-3½, 180, 4.65). "He's a great athlete with great hands," says Reed. "He high jumps 6-6 and finished second in the state in the hurdles." Others in Omaha to keep an eye on are defensive end Trenton Flowers (6-4, 210, 4.7) of Omaha North, quarterback Brian Kehrli (6-3, 190, 4.6) of Ralston, teammate Bryan Schestz, a 6-4, 240 pounder with 5.1 speed.

Steve Schmidt of Millard North is being talked about. He's 6-4, 235 and runs a 5.0 40. "He's going to get a lot stronger," voices coach Fred Petito. "He really came on strong at the end of the year. He's going to get a lot bigger." One Big Eight recruiter lists Schmidt as the No. 2 prospect in Nebraska behind Ridley.

Others to be mentioned are linebacker Brad Ferguson of Chaderon, lineman Mark Foos of Gering and center Dan Brockhaus of Humphrey St. Francis. Ferguson has it all for a linebacker with 6-2, 220, 4.8. He bench presses 295 pounds and finished third in the state wrestling tournament at heavyweight. Foos is 6-3, 235 and does the 40 in 5.0. The 6-3, 220 pound Brockhaus is just growing. "He'll be in the 270 to 280 pound range in college," opined coach Mike Berens. "When he gets on a college weight lifting program, he'll be fantastic."

Before leaving the state the backyard of Nebraska has running back Eric Robinson of Lincoln Northeast and Kent Wells of Lincoln East to rave about. Robinson was very impressive in the state track meet and should be one of the best running backs in the state.

Now let's keep moving west and stop off in Oklahoma. How good is high school football in the Sooner state? Just look at the recent NFL draft. There were five OU players picked in the top 36—tackle Rick Bryan, linebacker Jackie Shipp, defensive back Scott Case, tackle Bob Slater and linebacker Thomas Benson. All are from Oklahoma.

What about this year's crop? Well two of the best defensive prospects in the land happen to live here—Tony Page of Lawton Eisenhower and Melvin Gilliam of Tulsa Washington. They have it all. Page is 6-4, 185 pounds. He finished second in the state in the 400 meters, just missing breaking a state record. In one game against Oklahoma City Northwest, he intercepted six passes. "I've been here 19 years and this is the first player I've said is a true blue chipper," said coach Cecil Powell. "We're going to move him to wingback on offense so we can get him the ball. He will be a great defensive back in college. He'll fill out to be over 200 pounds. I haven't been around a defensive back with his potential. Oklahoma State, Oklahoma, Notre Dame, Arkansas, TCU and UCLA have talked about him."

Gilliam is 6-2, 175 pounds. Coach Larry McGee says he runs a 4.3 or 44 40. He will be one of the top basketball players in the state and helped lead Washington to a state championship. He'll play quarterback on offense. "He's probably the best free safety in this part of the country," said McGee. "He's a very aggressive player who

loves to hit. We play him like a center fielder."

The Hornets also have more gold in offensive lineman Eric Johnson. Johnson is a mere 6-4, 280 pounder with 4.9 speed. He bench presses 365 pounds. "He will be a dominating college player," says McGee. "He has good feet and moves so well. We've had OU, OSU, Tulsa, Arkansas, Georgia, Alabama, Nebraska, UCLA, Ohio State and Notre Dame show interest."

There's another blue chipper in town named Bill Goldberg of Tulsa Edison. Goldberg has the equipment recruiters love: 6-4, 235, 4.8. He bench presses 300 pounds. "He's the best defensive lineman I've ever coached," says Larry Dopson. "He's a great pass rusher. Everyone tried to run away from him. He should be one of the best in the nation. Penn State, Notre Dame, Georgia, Oklahoma, OSU and Missouri have all asked about him." Minnesota could have the inside track since two of his brothers play there.

The most touted running back in the state is Don Smitherman (5-11, 178, 4.5) of McAlester. He averaged 7.9 yards a carry. "He's a great running back prospect," says one recruiter. "Once he gets to daylight he's gone. He has great natural instincts. He's also a big time baseball prospect." Dion Wharry and Glen Braxton of Idabel and Mitch Nash of Bartlesville are other running backs who could be highly recruited. The town of Durant has three outstanding players in defensive end Greg Williams (6-3, 240), quarterback Todd Hammel (6-1, 190) and tight end Tadd Hammel (6-1½, 220). In the Oklahoma City area, lineman Andre Williams (6-3, 265, 4.9) of Millwood should draw a crowd. Last year Mickey Greene played for this team and was one of the premier line prospects in the Southwest. Coach Leodis Robinson says Williams will be as good.

Now for our final stop in Big Eight Country. It's off to the Rockie Mountains and Colorado. It's a very good year as far as talent goes. The best player, "I'd say it was Bill Paige," declared one recruiter.

Paige is a 6-5, 245 pound lineman from Denver Wheatridge. "He has good pursuit and tremendous balance," says coach Greg Springston. "He has excellent feet (5.1 in 40). He finished third in the state meet at heavyweight in wrestling. He was a world champ as an eighth grader. I think he's probably a better defensive player. The Colorado coaches have told me he's the best prospect in the state."

Arvada West has been a paradise for recruiters. Getting the No. 1 billing this year is linebacker Rick Clayton (6-3, 217, 4.7). "He's a very fluid athlete," said coach Brian McGregor. "We'll play him at fullback on offense, but it's at linebacker that the colleges are looking at him. Teammate Jim Shannon (6-4½, 240, 5.0) is getting more than his share of attention from college coaches.

Evergreen Colo. is another place coaches stop when they hit the recruiting trails in this state. Coach Bob Beatty reports backs Craig Schmit and Jay Smith are going to be hot items. Schmit was the leading rusher in Jefferson County with more than 1,000 yards and a 6.5 average. He bench presses 300 pounds and squats 455. He's very elusive and has a lot of moves. He could play either offense or defense in college. Schmit is 6-0, 185 and runs a 4.5 40.

Smith is 6-2, 195 and runs a 4.4 40. Like his teammate he's very strong. He bench presses 330 pounds. He was shown to be a standout sprinter in track.

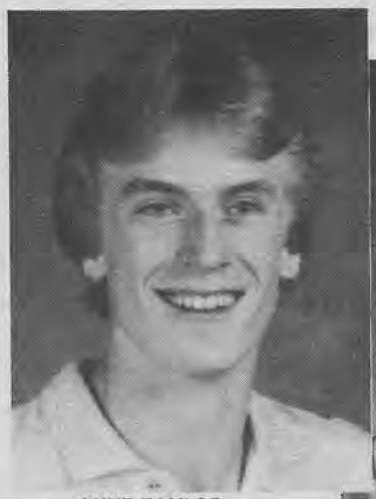
Tight ends in the nation should be Alan Koeneke (6-5, 220, 4.8) of Arapaho. "He can do things a 6-0 footer can normally do," says coach John Cosgrove. "He has great coordination. He's a high jumper in track and has been a starter in basketball since his sophomore year. He'll either be a tight end or a linebacker in college. He could also fill out to be a defensive tackle. Everyone has been recruiting."

Arvada High School has the right to brag about linebacker Lonny Stearns (6-3, 222, 4.8). He's played offensive tackle on offense and was a main reason why his team rushed for 2,600 yards a year ago. He dead lifts 500 pounds. "He could be a linebacker and play at 240 pounds in college or be an offensive lineman at 260 pounds. All of the Big Eight has been in, half of the Pac 10, Illinois, Indiana and Arizona," said coach Jim Bratten.

Another player the talent scouts are looking at is fullback Randy Miskol (6-1, 188, 4.7). "He's an ideal fullback for BYU or Arizona. He'll be a great fullback in a pro oriented offense," Bratten continued. "Arizona told me he's exactly the kind of kid they're looking for."

Others who could make a splash in Colorado are running back Aaron Langley (6-1, 185) of Denver Columbine, lineman Maurice Frilot (6-2, 240) of Monticello, center Bill Gerhards (6-2, 235) of Doherty and Chris Randall (6-4, 235) of Mitchell High School.

That concludes our yearly visit through Big Eight Country. We hope it's been enjoyable for you. You can bet it will be a very profitable one for football recruiters during the upcoming months.



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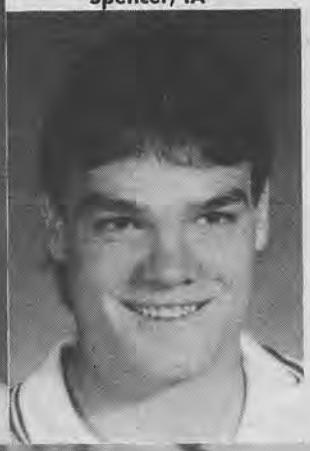

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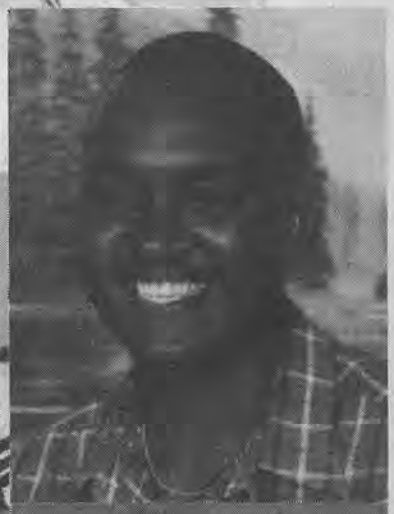

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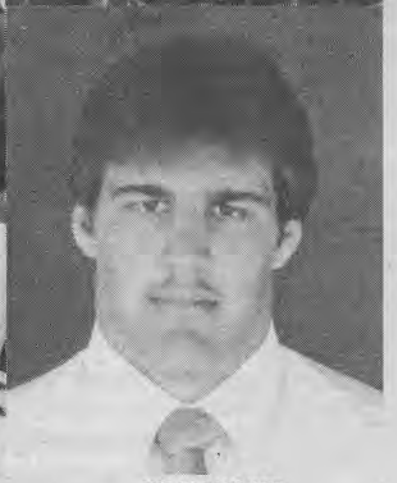

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Oklahoma City (Millwood), OK (6-3, 265, 5.0)

C **DAN BROCKHAUS**
Humphrey (St. Francis), NE (6-3, 220, 4.9)

G **ERIC ZABELIN**
Olathe (North) KS (6-3, 240, 5.2)

T **MAURICE FRILOT**
Monticello, CO (6-2, 240, 5.0)

SE **CALVIN DIXON**
St. Louis (McClure), MO (6-4, 190, 4.55)

QB **MIKE TAYLOR**
St. Charles (Duchesne) MO (6-0, 175, 4.5)

RB **GLEN BRAXTON**
Idabel, OK (6-0, 210, 4.6)

RB **SID JACKSON**
Council Bluff (Jefferson) IA (5-11, 175, 4.6)

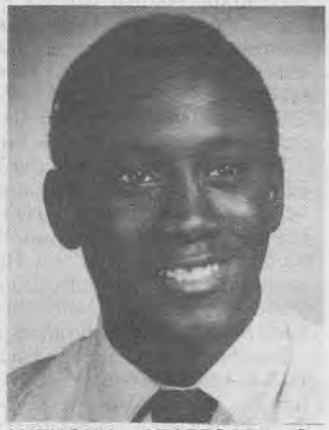
RB **TONY VAN ZANDT**
Hazelwood (Central) MO (6-1, 180, 4.5)

K **TODD THOMPSON**
Sapulpa, OK (6-1, 185, 4.8)

QUARTERBACK

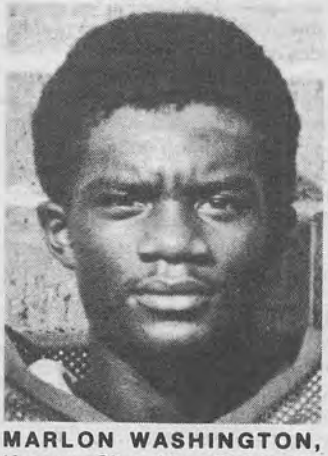
RONNIE CAMERON, St. Louis, Mo. (East), 6-1, 180, 4.6. A Turner Gill clone. Helped lead team to state championship. Passed for over 1,000 yards and had only four intercepted. "Ronnie can be an All-American in college," said coach Bob Shannan. "People say he's another Turner Gill. I'd have to say that's an accurate comparison. He has a strong arm and throws the ball very well. He could run any type of offense."

RUNNING BACK



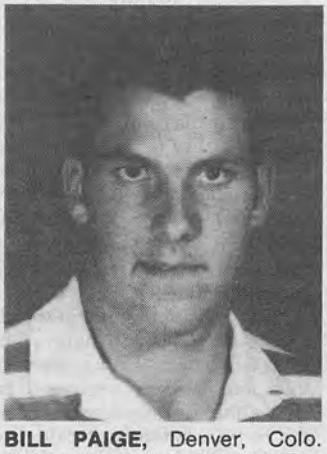
ANTHONY STAFFORD, St. Louis, Mo. (Sumner), 5-9, 170, 4.5. The consensus by most people to be the best back in St. Louis. "He was the best back last year," offered coach Larry Walls. Rushed for over 700 yards a year ago and led area in scoring. Played in only a half of many games. "He's a Greg Pruitt type," says Walls. "He's extremely shifty. He averaged 7.5 yards a carry."

SPLIT END



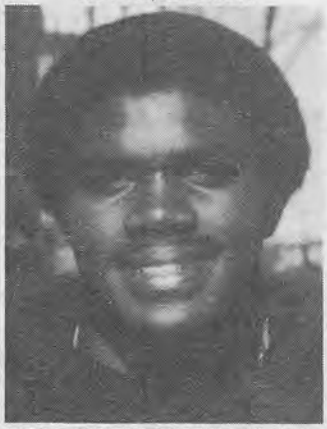
MARLON WASHINGTON, Kansas City, Mo. (Schlagle), 6-1, 185, 4.55. "He's like an Anthony Carter type when he was in high school in Florida before going to Michigan, but I think Marlon could be better," said coach Randy Westfahl. Caught 51 passes for 1,003 yards. Had five interceptions on defense. Has a 22-plus long jump to his credit. A 3.95 student, Will be one of the best receiving prospects in the country.

LINEMAN



BILL PAIGE, Denver, Colo. (Wheatridge), 6-5, 245, 5.1. The No. 1 prospect in Colorado according to some recruiters. Finished third in the state as a heavyweight wrestler. Was a world champion as an eighth grader. "He has good pursuit and tremendous balance," says coach Greg Springston. "His greatest asset is his toughness. Colorado coaches have told me he's the No. 1 prospect in the state."

RUNNING BACK



DON SMITHERMAN, McAlester, Okla. 5-11, 175, 4.5. "The best running back in the state. He has a chance to be a super," said one recruiter. Averaged 7.9 yards per carry as a junior. Owns a 3.95 grade average. He's very elusive and almost impossible to bring down in open field. "He may never play a down of college football," voiced another recruiter. "He's such a fine baseball prospect he could get drafted in that sport."

RUNNING BACK

BRYAN CARPENTER, Olathe, Kan. (North), 5-11, 195, 4.48. Has excellent speed. Has run a 10.7 100 meters. Has gained 20 pounds since the end of junior year. Rushed for 900 yards at fullback. Has won weight-lifting meets. Will play tailback this season, but is projected as a fullback in college. Devastating blocker who loves the contact. One of the premier players in Kansas.

TIGHT END

ALAN KOENEKE, Arapaho, Colo. 6-5, 220, 4.8. Outstanding athlete. Has been a starter on the basketball team since his sophomore year and is a high jumber in track. He's a 3.8 student. "He could either be a tight end or a linebacker in college," said coach John Cosgrove. "Schools like BYU like him as a tight end. He'll play at 230 to 235 at that position. He could be a defensive tackle and play at 260. Notre Dame has looked at him at that position."

TIGHT END

JOHN PALMER, Arnold, Mo. (Fox), 6-4, 210, 4.7. Caught over 30 passes for 600 yards. Has great hands and is an excellent blocker. Runs the sprints in track. "He's a big time college prospect," said coach Irv Kappler. "He does a great job catching the ball and then it's very difficult to bring him down. Notre Dame, Kansas, Iowa, Iowa State, Illinois and a lot of other schools have already been here."

LINEMAN

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TIM SCHILLER, Hazelwood, Mo. (Florissant), 6-4, 230, 4.8. One of the mainstays from a team that finished second in the state 5A championship a year ago. "He's got everything you look for—size, speed and strength," says skipper John Hotfelder. "He still has great growth potential. He'll be around 6-6 or 6-7. He doesn't quite bench press 300 pounds yet. He has a good chance to start as a sophomore in college."

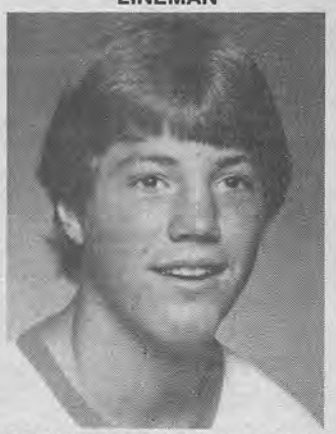
LINEMAN

ERICK JOHNSON, Tulsa, Okla. (Washington), 6-4, 280, 4.9. Should be one of the premier offensive line prizes in country. Comes from a long list of outstanding Washington players Bench presses 365 pounds. "He will dominate in college," says coach Larry McGee. "He may be the best lineman ever to play here, and we've had some good ones. He is very strong and has quick feet. Arkansas, Georgia, Alabama, Nebraska, USC, UCLA, Ohio State and Notre Dame have shown interest."

LINEMAN

STEVE BOX, Joplin, Mo. (Parkwood), 6-2½, 230, 4.7. One of the best shot putters in the state. Bench presses 300 pounds. Was an all-state selection as junior on team that went undefeated and won state championship. "He's the best line prospect that I've had here in 17 years," praises coach Dewey Combs. "He has quick feet and can be a very dominating lineman. All of the colleges have already been here. He's a can't miss prospect."

LINEMAN



STEVE SCHMIDT, Omaha, Neb. (Millard North), 6-4, 235, 5.0. Definitely one of the best players in Nebraska. You get the feeling he'll head to Nebraska and become one of those big, strong linemen. Has great lower body strength. A shoulder separation slowed him early in the year but he came on to have a great last half of the year. He's still growing. Was 205 pounds as a sophomore.

SCHOOLBOY SUPER STARS

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DEFENSIVE TEAM

Second Team

DE **BEARRY HAYES**
St. Louis (Vashon) MO (6-3, 215, 4.7)

T **KEVIN WHITE**
Arnold (Fox) MO (6-4, 240, 4.9)

NG **RANDY BERN**
Spencer, IA (6-4, 238, 4.9)

T **JIM SHANNON**
Arvada (West) CO (6-4½, 240, 5.0)

DE **GREG WILLIAMS**
Durant, OK (6-3, 240, 4.9)

LB **LONNY STEARNS**
Arvada, CO (6-3, 222, 4.8)

LB **TRENTON FLOWERS**
Omaha (North) NE (6-4, 210, 4.7)

LB **BRIAN REEVES**
Shawnee Mission (West) KS (6-3, 195, 4.6)

DB **MIKE O'BRIEN**
Harlan, IA (6-2½, 185, 4.65)

DB **JAY SMITH**
Evergreen, CO (6-2, 195, 4.4)

DB **TONY AVANT**
Omaha (Central) NE (6-3½, 180, 4.65)

P **TIM COLEMAN**
Hopkins (North Nodaway) MO (6-3, 195, 4.8)

DEFENSIVE END

BILL GOLDBERG, Tulsa, Okla. (Edison), 6-4, 235, 4.8. Has two brothers who play at the University of Minnesota. Bench presses 320 pounds. Will be the No. 1 defensive line prize in Oklahoma. "He's the best defensive lineman I've ever coached," said Larry Dopson. "He should be one of the best in the nation. Everyone runs away from him. He'll get up to 260 pounds in college."

TACKLE

JEFF HOWARD, St. Louis, Mo. (East), 6-4, 235, 4.8. Another player who will be recruited by the world. Should get bigger and fill out to the 255-260 pound range. Has run a 4.8 from a standing position on grass. "He'll be one of the best line prospects in America," predicts Doug Huff of Street and Smith Magazine. Played on a state championship team that went 13-0. Could start as a college freshman.

LINEBACKER

RICK CLAYTON, Arvada, Colo. (West), 6-3, 217, 4.7. Runs sprints on track team. Will get bigger and could be a tight end, a defensive end or a strong safety in college. "People are banging at the doors looking at him," coach Brian McGregor said. "He's a good athlete who does so many things well. He played fullback on offense and did very well. He has good strength. He's the kind of kid who will play someplace for you."

LINEBACKER

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LEE JOHNSON, Hazelwood, Mo. (Florissant), 6-2½, 235, 4.8. In the Jeff Leiding mold. Very big and very physical. Was an all-state selection as junior and honorable mention All-American. Played four positions—linebacker, tight end, fullback and defensive tackle. "Every recruiter says they'll take him right now," said coach John Hotfelder. "He'll be a great one. He has all of the tools. He dead lifts over 500 pounds."

TACKLE

MARK VANKEIRSBILCK, Kansas City, Kans. (Rockhurst), 6-3, 250, 4.9. Recruiters will tell you he's one of the top line prizes in the country. Started both ways in 14 games. Bench presses over 300 pounds. "He could start in college as a freshman," says Rockhurst coach Tony Severino. "People who have seen him say he's the best lineman ever to come through Rockhurst. Everyone in the world is recruiting him."

TACKLE

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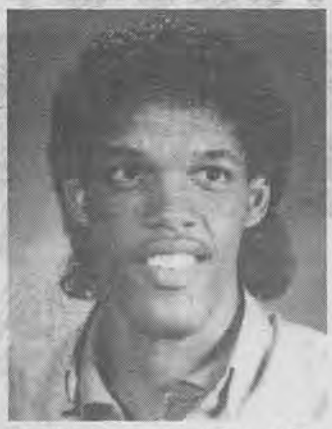
CHUCK WAGGONER, Southerland, Ia., 6-8, 225, 4.8. Can you imagine how big this giant is going to be when he fills out? That's why folks like Penn State, UCLA, Illinois, Iowa and Iowa State are more than interested. Throws the discus 155 feet and runs the 440 in 53.8. Bench presses 305 pounds. He's also an outstanding basketball player. With size and athletic ability, he should be a great one.

DEFENSIVE END

MIKE ERTZ, Kansas City, Kan. (Rockhurst), 6-3, 215, 4.6. Helped lead Rockhurst to another state crown. Had 13 tackles in state championship game—nine were of the unassisted variety. Ran on the 400 meters relay team that qualified for the state championship. Will be an outside linebacker or a defensive end. Everyone who has watched him on film says that he's a "can't lose" prospect because of the way he runs.

DEFENSIVE BACK



TONY PAGE, Lawton, Okla. (Eisenhower), 6-4, 185, 4.5. Has to be one of the best defensive back prospects around. Has every tool to be a great one. Intercepted six passes in one game. In state track meet he barely missed setting record for 400 meters. Should be one of the best in nation in that event as senior. There's no telling how good he will get. Everyone is recruiting him.

LINEBACKER

BRAD FERGUSON, Chaderon, Neb., 6-2, 220, 4.8. "He can be a great linebacker in college because he's so physical," said one recruiter. "He also has quick feet. He's going to be a big linebacker." Finished third in the state championships in wrestling. Bench presses 295 pounds and is moving up. Plays offensive tackle, but it's at linebacker where he'll make his mark in college.

LINEBACKER

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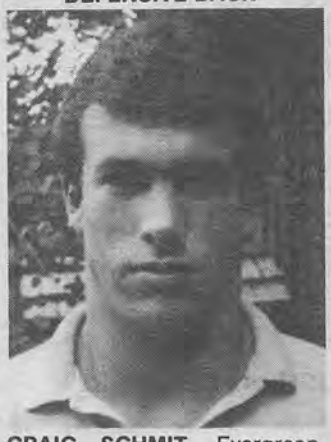
SEAN RIDLEY, Omaha, Neb. (Central), 6-4, 205, 4.55. Remember this name. You'll be hearing about it in the future. Has to be one of the premier linebackers available. Should be on all post-season All-American teams. Throws shot 55 feet and has vertical leap of 36 inches. Broke agility record on Nebraska track with a time of 5.9. Mike Rozier and Irving Fryar held the record at 6.0. Benches 300 pounds.

DEFENSIVE BACK

MELVIN GILLIAM, Tulsa, Okla. (Washington), 6-2, 175, 4.38. Will be a major college basketball prospect, but football is where it's at for him. "He's probbly the best free safety in this part of the country," says coach Larry McGee. "He's very aggressive and loves to hit. We're going to play him at quarterback on offense this year and he'll be something else. He throws the ball very well." A 3.6 grade average.

DEFENSIVE BACK



CRAIG SCHMIT, Evergreen, Colo., 6-0, 185, 4.5. Was leading rusher in Jefferson County last year with over 1,000 yards and a 6.5 average. He has great acceleration, and you don't bring him down from behind. Will be a prospect on offense and defense. Bench presses 300 pounds. Has a 3.15 grade average. "Recruiters tell me that he's a can't miss prospect. He's a super athlete," says coach Bob Beatty.

1983 BIG EIGHT STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

TOTAL OFFENSE

Nat'l. Rank	Team	G	Plays	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Yds./ PG
2	Nebraska	12	916	6560	7.2	84	546.7
23	Kansas	11	805	4434	5.5	29	403.1
32	Oklahoma	12	837	4583	5.5	38	381.9
34	Missouri	11	822	4172	5.1	35	379.3
60	Iowa State	11	806	3758	4.7	32	341.6
73	Colorado	11	806	3758	4.7	32	341.6
78	Oklahoma State	11	780	3501	4.5	25	318.3
82	Kansas State	11	763	3402	4.5	24	309.3

TOTAL DEFENSE

Nat'l. Rank	Team	G	Plays	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Yds./ PG
7	Oklahoma	12	847	3322	3.9	28	276.8
12	Missouri	11	734	3128	4.3	19	284.4
22	Oklahoma State	11	754	3366	4.5	17	306.0
73	Nebraska	12	909	4420	4.9	22	368.3
86	Iowa State	11	815	4389	5.4	48	399.0
90	Kansas State	11	795	4490	5.6	39	408.2
91	Kansas	11	794	4506	5.7	37	409.6
100	Colorado	11	896	4885	5.5	43	444.1

PASSING OFFENSE

Nat'l. Rank	Team	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	Yds./ PG
4	KU	407	216	24	53.1	3146	286.0
13	ISU	410	236	13	57.6	2717	247.0
37	CU	343	166	18	48.4	2221	201.9
67	MU	196	116	13	59.2	1758	159.8
70	KSU	263	126	20	47.9	1661	151.0
74	NU	192	107	6	55.7	1740	145.0
81	OSU	227	118	14	52.0	1478	134.4
101	OU	170	73	8	42.9	1332	111.0

SCORING OFFENSE

Nat'l. Rank	Team	G	Pts.	Avg.
1	NU	12	624	52.0
23	KU	11	296	26.9
28	OU	12	312	26.0
34	MU	11	275	25.0
47	CU	11	252	22.9
53	ISU	11	248	22.5
54	OSU	11	247	22.5
84	KSU	11	186	16.9

SCORING DEFENSE

Nat'l. Rank	Team	G	Pts.	Avg.
9	OSU	11	148	13.5
17	NU	12	186	15.5
26	MU	11	181	16.5
37	OU	12	222	18.5
91	KU	11	320	29.1
97	CU	11	342	31.1
98	KSU	11	343	31.2
103	ISU	11	385	35.0

PASSING DEFENSE

Nat'l. Rank	Team	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	Yds./ PG
22	KU	252	134	13	53.2	1750	159.1
45	OU	340	175	19	51.5	2015	167.9
45	ISU	245	132	10	53.9	1966	178.7
55	KSU	262	150	9	57.3	2053	186.6
55	MU	333	180	11	54.1	2053	186.6
59	CU	287	154	15	53.7	2056	186.9
82	OSU	317	157	26	49.5	2244	204.0
93	NU	371	183	21	49.3	2627	218.9

RUSHING OFFENSE

Nat'l. Rank	Team	G	Car.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Yds./ PG
1	NU	12	724	4820	6.7	66	401.7
9	OU	12	667	3251	4.9	30	270.9
22	MU	11	626	2414	3.9	24	219.5
46	OSU	11	553	2023	3.7	15	183.9
56	KSU	11	500	1741	3.5	16	158.3
80	CU	11	369	1363	3.7	14	123.9
86	KU	11	398	1288	3.2	13	117.1
94	ISU	11	396	1041	2.6	13	94.6

RUSHING DEFENSE

Nat'l. Rank	Team	G	Car.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Yds./ PG
5	MU	11	401	1075	2.7	6	97.7
8	OSU	11	437	1122	2.6	5	102.0
14	OU	12	507	1307	2.6	13	108.9
45	NU	12	538	1793	3.3	11	149.4
92	ISU	11	570	2423	4.3	37	220.3
94	KSU	11	533	2437	4.6	28	221.5
100	KU	11	542	2756	5.1	29	250.5
102	CU	11	609	2829	4.6	31	257.2

PUNT RETURNS

Nat'l. Rank	Team	G	No.	Yds.	TD	Avg.
4	KU	11	12	155	2	12.9
12	OU	12	33	354	1	10.7
28	NU	12	45	433	2	9.6
48	CU	11	19	146	0	7.7
90	OSU	11	26	131	1	5.0
95	ISU	11	25	118	0	4.7
103	KSU	11	19	57	0	3.0
105	MU	11	39	113	0	2.9

INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

LINEMEN

Team	Player	UT	AT	TT	T-L
ISU	Little	35	34	69	3-19
ISU	Moore	29	38	67	0-0
KSU	Madison	33	44	67	8-25
KSU	Newton	41	21	62	6-27
OSU	O'Neal	51	52	103	14-82
OSU	Harding	32	37	69	13-73
CU	Muncie	39	36	75	3-10
CU	Smith	31	42	73	4-7
KU	Patterson	41	34	75	6-23
KU	Gant	36	35	71	2-20
MU	Bell	30	30	60	13-74
MU	Sales	22	27	49	5-34
NU	Stuckey	26	20	46	6-26
NU	Tranmer	26	18	44	3-10
OU	Murphy	74	70	144	6-23
OU	Bryan	73	35	108	4-12

LINEBACKERS

Team	Player	UT	AT	TT	T-L
ISU	Washington	68	66	134	3-9
ISU	Williams	43	48	91	11-46
KSU	Singletary	59	40	99	12-78
KSU	Daniels	42	47	89	5-24
OSU	Monger	62	74	136	6-28
OSU	Spencer	36	72	108	3-7
CU	Irvin	58	63	121	3-10
CU	Fairbanks	49	61	110	5-12
KU	Pless	80	111	190	5-12
KU	Williams	64	88	152	5-18
MU	Wilson	40	72	112	8-42
MU	Mack	27	74	101	5-5
NU	Knox	64	61	125	7-24
NU	Daum	44	49	93	9-17
OU	Shipp	63	65	128	6-17
OU	Benson	41	48	89	7-40

BACKS

Team	Player	UT	AT	TT	T-L
ISU	Baker	31	27	58	1-1
ISU	Walker	29	25	54	0-0
KSU	Ast	56	33	89	0-0
KSU	Epps	35	19	54	2-8
KSU	Nickerson	46	8	54	1-1
OSU	Rockins	45	45	90	2-12
OSU	Fisher	28	31	59	2-10
CU	Donaldson	48	31	79	1-2
CU	Scott	56	21	77	0-0
KU	Colter	37	40	77	0-0
KU	Berry	20	31	51	0-0
MU	Hawkins	27	26	53	0-0
MU	Matichak	31	20	51	0-0
NU	McCashland	33	24	57	4-13
NU	Burke	32	21	53	4-5
OU	Case	53	28	81	3-12
OU	Drane	33	15	48	1-3

FUMBLE RECOVERIES

No.	Team	Player
5	KU	Elvis Patterson
5	CU	George Smith
4	OSU	James Spencer
3	OSU	Rodney Harding
3	OSU	Roderick Fisher
3	KSU	Reggie Singletary
3	KSU	Nelson Nickerson
3	KSU	David Ast
3	OSU	Chris Rockins
3	OSU	Leslie O'Neal
3	CU	Kent Davis

PASS INTERCEPTIONS

No.	Team	Player
8	OU	Scott Case
7	OSU	Adam Hinds
6	KU	Jeff Colter
6	NU	Mike Knox
5	NU	Neil Harris
5	NU	Bret Clark
4	OSU	Rod Brown
4	CU	Jeff Donaldson
4	CU	Victor Scott
4	ISU	George Walker

PASSES BROKEN UP

No.	Team	Player
12	OSU	Chris Rockins
11	OSU	Roderick Fisher
8	OU	Scott Case
8	MU	Bobby Bell
7	ISU	Alvin Baker
7	MU	Reco Hawkins
7	CU	Jeff Donaldson
7	OSU	Leslie O'Neal
7	ISU	Kevin Williams
6	OSU	Mark Moore
6	OU	Keith Stanberry

TOTAL OFFENSE

Nat'l. Rank	Team	Player	Car.	Rush Gain	Net Gain	Pass Att.	Pass Yds.	Tot. Yds.	Yds./ Play	TD	Game Avg.
8	ISU	David Archer	110	363	59	403	2639	2698	5.3	21	245.3
10	KU	Frank Seurer	57	103	-129	353	2789	2660	6.5	15	241.8
38	NU	Mike Rozier	275	2167	2148	1	0	2148	7.8	29	179.0
45	NU	Turner Gill	109	649	531	170	1516	2047	7.3	25	170.6
46	MU	Marlon Adler	125	668	426	143	1125	1551	5.7	12	129.2
73	CU	Steve Vogel	18	32	- 58	236	1385	1327	5.2	12	132.7
81	OU	Danny Bradley	128	668	426	143	1125	1551	5.7	12	129.2
	OSU	Rusty Hilger	48	87	- 63	154	1129	1066	5.3	12	96.9
	OU	Spencer Tillman	188	1068	1047	0	0	1047	5.6	9	95.2
	OSU	Shawn Jones	212	952	924	0	0	924	4.4	7	92.4
	KSU	Stan Weber	83	365	279	108	672	951	5.0	7	86.5
	OU	Earl Johnson	148	967	945	1	0	945	6.3	8	85.9
	CU	Derek Marshall	19	56	- 47	107	836	789	6.3	4	71.7

LEADING SCORERS

Nat'l. Rank	Team	Player	Class	G	TD	XP	Fld. Goal	Tot. Pts.	Pts./ PG	FG Avg.
1	NU	Mike Rozier	Sr.	12	29	0	0	174	14.5	0
6	KU	Bruce Kallmeyer	Sr.	11	0	26	24	98	8.9	29
30	OSU	Larry Roach	Jr.	11	0	23	18	77	7.0	26
39	MU	Marlon Adler	Jr.	11	12	0	0	72	6.5	0
56	MU	Brad Burditt	Jr.	11	0	31	11	64	5.8	15
65	NU	Turner Gill	Sr.	12	11	0	0	66	5.5	0
66	OU	Spencer Tillman	Fr.	11	10	0	0	60	5.5	0
78	NU	Irving Fryar	Sr.	12	10	4	0	64	5.3	0
81	CU	Tom Field	Sr.	11	0	28	10	58	5.3	0
	ISU	Tracy Henderson	So.	11	8	4	0	52	4.7	0
	OU	Earl Johnson	Fr.	11	8	2	0	50	4.5	0
	NU	Mark Schellen	Sr.	12	9	0	0	54	4.5	0
	CU	Chris McLemore	So.	11	8	0	0	48	4.4	0
	OSU	Shawn Jones	Jr.	10	7	0	0	42	4.2	0
	OU	Tim Lashar	Fr.	12	0	32	6	50	4.2	15

INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE STATISTICS

PUNT RETURNS

Nat'l. Rank	Team	Player	No.	Yds.	TD	Game Avg.
4	NU	Smith	19	264	1	13.9
11	OU	Shepard	18	215	0	11.9
57	CU	Donaldson	16	105	0	6.6
58	OSU	Lewis	16	104	0	6.5
60	NU	Fryar	18	113	0	6.3
71	ISU	Wade	17	85	0	5.0
80	MU	Shorthose	27	106	0	3.9
82	KSU	Witherspoon	19	57	0	3.0

(Minimum 1.2 returns per game.)

INTERCEPTION RETURNS

Nat'l. Rank	Team	Player	No.	Yds.	TD	Pct.
6	OU	Case	8	110	1	.67
7	OSU	Hinds	7	37	0	.64
16	KU	Colter	6	61	0	.55
45	NU	Clark	5	15	0	.42
50	CU	Scott	4	105	1	.46
50	CU	Donaldson	4	57	1	.36
50	OSU	Brown	4	24	0	.36
50	ISU	Walker	4	22	0	.36
50	OSU	Fisher	4	20	0	.36

LEADING PASSERS

Nat'l. Rank	Team	Player	G	Att.	Cmp.	Cmp. Pct.	Int.	Yds.	Yds./ Att.	TD
*	NU	Turner Gill	12	170	94	55.29	4	1516	8.92	14
7	MU	Marlon Adler	11	175	102	58.29	13	1603	9.16	11
33	ISU	David Archer	11	403	234	58.06	12	2639	6.55	18
34	KU	Frank Seurer	11	353	187	52.97	19	2789	7.90	14
*	OSU	Rusty Hilger	11	154	82	53.25	10	1129	7.33	9
*	CU	Derek Marshall	11	107	56	52.34	6	836	7.81	3
*	OU	Danny Bradley	12	142	61	42.66	8	1125	7.87	7
68	CU	Steve Vogel	10	236	110	46.61	12	1385	5.87	12
*	KSU	Stan Weber	11	108	51	47.22	11	672	6.22	3

* Not enough games played to qualify for national rankings.

ALL-PURPOSE RUNNERS

Nat'l. Rank	Team	Player	G	Rush	Rec.	PR	KOR	Yds.	Yds./ PG
2	NU	Mike Rozier	12	2148	106	0	232	2485	207.2
37	NU	Irving Fryar	12	318	780	113	56	1267	105.6
38	KU	Bob Johnson	11	0	1154	0	0	1154	104.9
52	OSU	Shawn Jones	10	924	79	0	0	1003	100.3
53	OU	Buster Rhymes	12	0	747	143	309	1199	99.9
59	KU	Robert Mimbs	10	380	315	0	291	986	98.6
63	ISU	Jason Jacobs	11	490	584	0	0	1074	97.6
65	OU	Spencer Tillman	11	1047	21	0	0	1068	97.1
72	ISU	Tracy Henderson	11	0	1051	0	0	1051	95.5
82	OU	Earl Johnson	11	945	31	0	34	1010	91.8
	NU	Jeff Smith	12	439	146	264	152	1001	83.4
	KSU	Greg Dageforde	11	677	98	0	26	801	72.8
	CU	Lee Rouson	10	494	223	0	0	717	71.7
	MU	George Shorthose	11	15	483	106	119	723	65.7
	MU	Eric Drain	11	685	0	0	0	685	62.3
	KU	Kerwin Bell	11	498	112	0	47	657	59.7
	OU	Derrick Shepard	12	- 6	314	215	191	714	59.5
	OSU	Jamie Harris	11	- 7	559	0	90	642	58.4
	MU	Cameron Riley	9	324	33	0	114	471	52.3
	CU	Ron Brown	11	59	515	0	0	574	52.2

LEADING RUSHERS

Nat'l. Rank	Team	Player	Att.	Net	Play Avg.	Game Avg.
1	NU	Rozier	275	2148	7.8	179.0
21	OU	Tillman	188	1047	5.6	95.2
23	OSU	Jones	212	924	4.4	85.9
27	OU	Johnson	148	945	6.4	85.9
77	MU	Drain	167	685	4.1	62.3
81	KSU	Dageforde	153	677	4.4	61.5
	CU	Rouson	120	494	4.1	49.4
	KU	Bell	115	498	4.3	45.3
	ISU	Jacobs	99	490	4.9	44.5
	NU	Gill	109	531	4.9	44.2
	CU	McLemore	97	478	4.9	43.5
	KU	Mimbs	79	380	4.8	38.0
	KU	Jones	98	417	4.3	37.9
	NU	Schellen	77	450	5.8	37.5
	OSU	Zachary	82	337	4.1	37.4
	NU	Smith	78	439	5.6	36.6
	ISU	Davis	156	396	2.5	36.0
	MU	Riley	87	324	3.7	36.0
	OU	Bradley	128	426	3.3	35.5
	MU	Barbosa	91	367	4.0	33.4
	NU	Miles	29	281	9.7	28.1
	NU	Fryar	23	318	13.8	26.5
	KSU	Weber	83	279	3.4	25.4
	KSU	Crawford	58	251	4.3	25.1
	MU	Redd	48	275	5.7	25.0

LEADING RECEIVERS

Nat'l. Rank	Team	Player	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Yds./ Rec.
3	ISU	Henderson	81	1051	8	13.0
11	ISU	Jacobs	64	584	3	9.1
21	KU	Johnson	58	1154	7	19.9
58	OSU	Harris	42	559	6	13.3
74	CU	Alexander	39	557	6	14.3
92	NU	Fryar	40	780	8	19.5
95	KSU	Wallace	32	466	2	14.6
	MU	Shorthose	32	483	3	15.1
	KU	Mimbs	27	315	0	11.7
	OU	Rhymes	32	747	3	23.3
	CU	Hestera	29	366	1	12.6
	CU	Rouson	25	223	2	8.9
	OSU	Chesley	27	300	2	11.1
	KU	Jones	26	106	0	4.1
	CU	Brown	24	515	3	21.5
	ISU	Davis	24	155	1	6.5
	MU	White	23	393	0	17.1
	KU	Estell	22	388	1	17.6
	KU	McGee	20	345	2	17.3
	OSU	Lewis	21	363	1	17.3
	ISU	Minor	20	322	1	16.1
	KSU	Bailey	20	269	2	13.4
	CU	Johnson	18	175	0	9.7
	OU	Shepard	19	314	2	16.5
	MU	Hill	15	315	2	21.0

PUNTING

Nat'l. Rank	Team	Player	Class	No.	Game Avg.
16	OSU	Conway	Sr.	62	42.3
25	KSU	Fulhage	Jr.	60	41.9
54	CU	Braun	Jr.	61	40.0
59	OU	Atyia	Fr.	64	39.7
69	MU	Adler	Jr.	55	38.1
78	ISU	Goodburn	Jr.	35	38.1
82	KU	Colburn	So.	47	37.3

(Minimum 3.6 punts per game.)

FIELD GOALS

Nat'l. Rank	Team	Player	FGA	FG	Pct.	Game Avg.
2	KU	Kallmeyer	29	24	.828	2.18
10	OSU	Roach	26	18	.692	1.64
47	MU	Burditt	15	11	.733	1.00
63	CU	Field	14	10	.714	.91
73	ISU	Bachrodt	11	8	.727	.73
81	KSU	Willis	11	7	.636	.64
93	OU	Lashar	15	6	.400	.50
	NU	Livingston	3	2	.667	.17
	NU	Schneider	1	1	1.000	.08

KICKOFF RETURNS

Nat'l. Rank	Team	Player	No.	Yds.	TD	Game Avg.
48	CU	Nash	24	456	0	19.0
55	ISU	Hanson	19	349	0	18.4
62	KU	Mimbs	17	291	0	17.1
63	KSU	Pearl	30	504	0	16.8

(Minimum 1.2 returns per game.)

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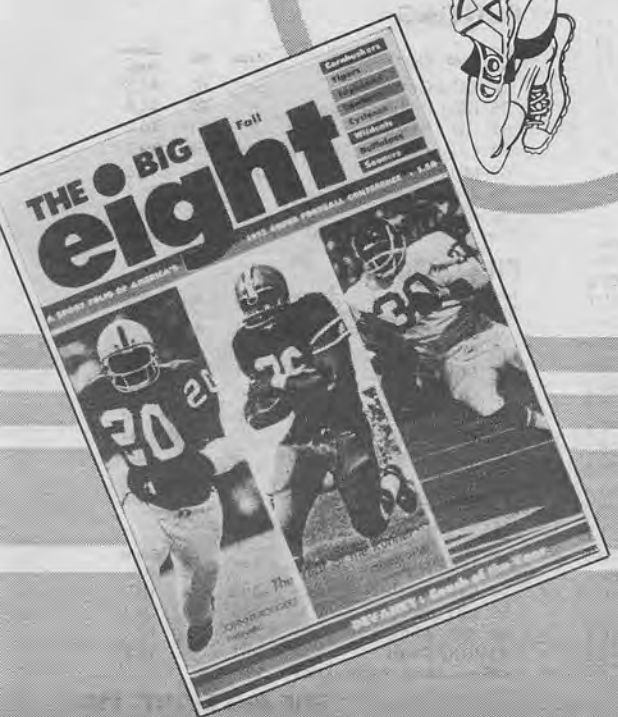

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